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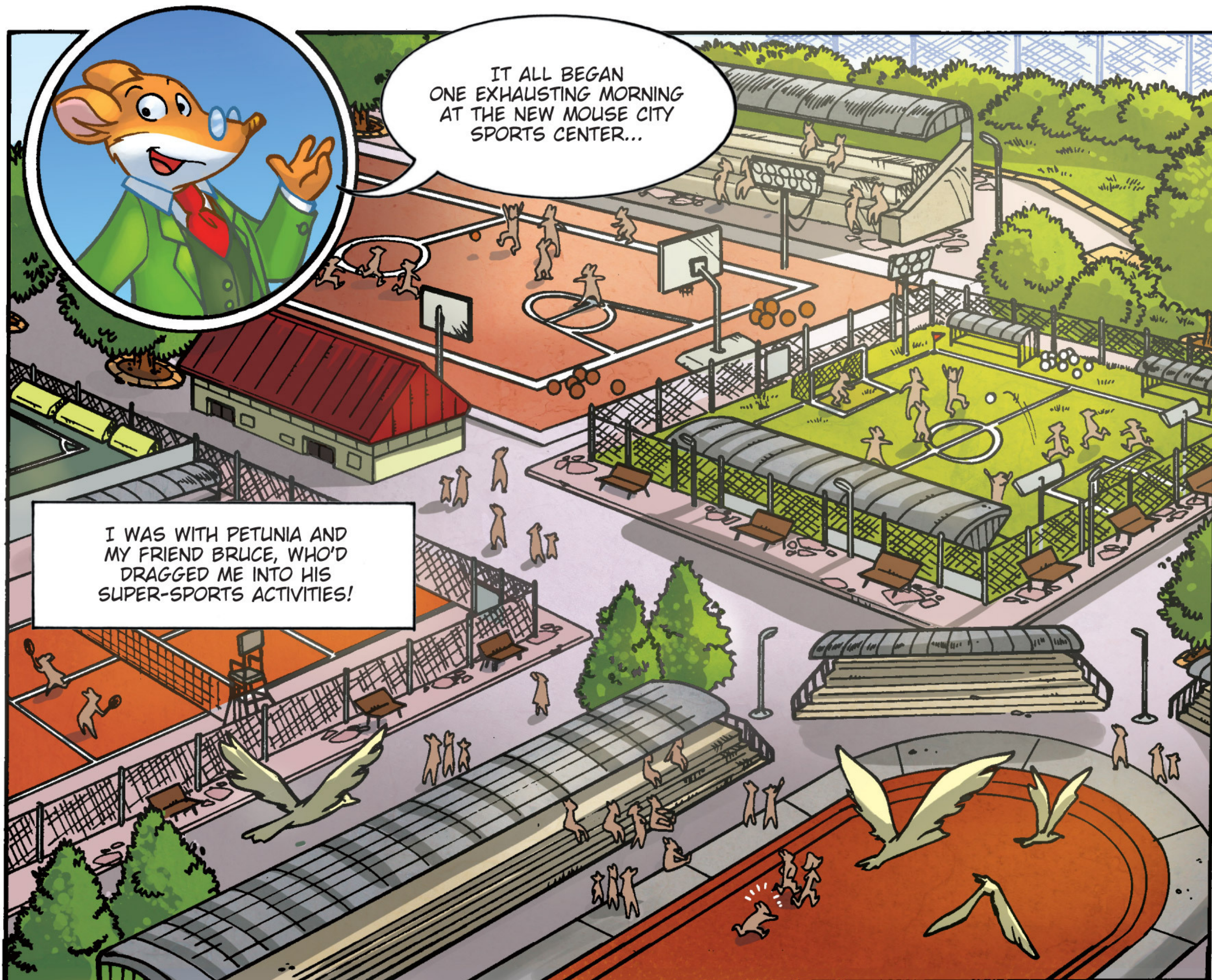
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SORRY, I WAS SO TIRED I FORGOT TO INTRODUCE MYSELF: MY NAME IS STILTON, *Geronimo Stilton!* AND I EDIT THE RODENT'S GAZETTE, THE MOST FAMOUSE PAPER ON MOUSE ISLAND!

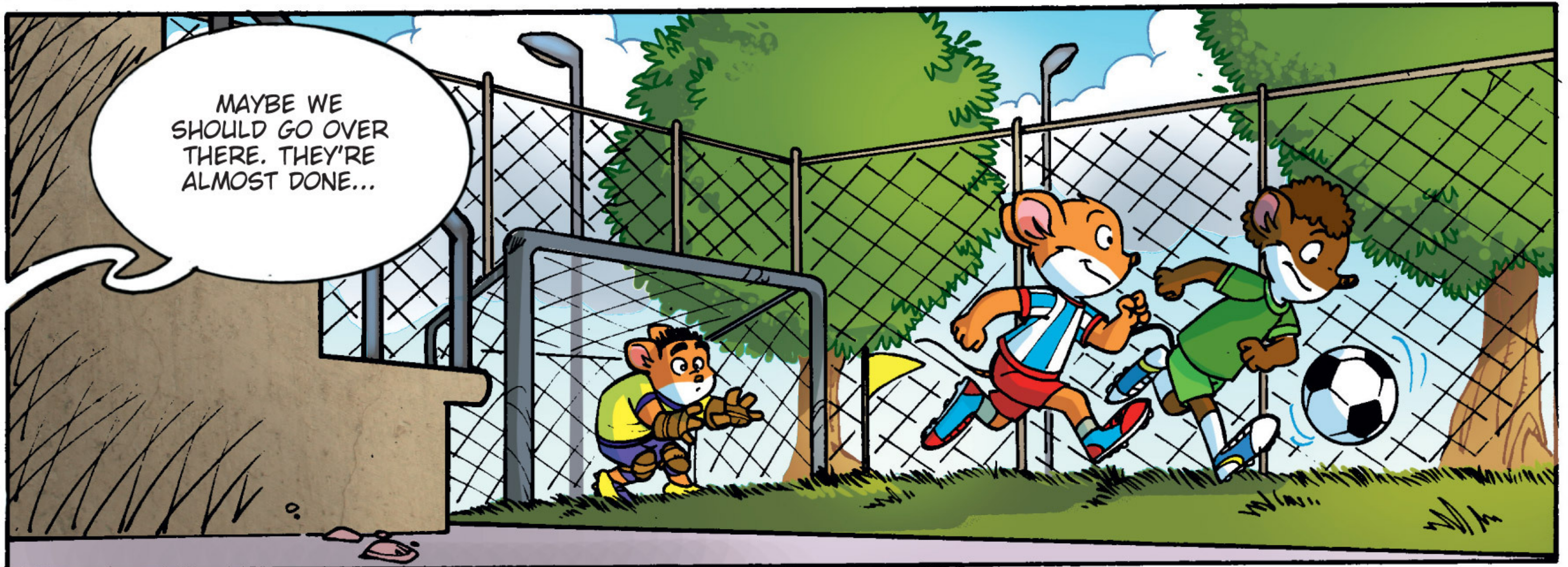


COME ON, CHEESE PUFF, LET'S DO A LITTLE **STRETCHING** TOGETHER!



WHERE'S BENJAMIN?

ON THE SOCCER FIELD. I CAN SEE HIM FROM HERE.



MAYBE WE SHOULD GO OVER THERE. THEY'RE ALMOST DONE...



HUH?



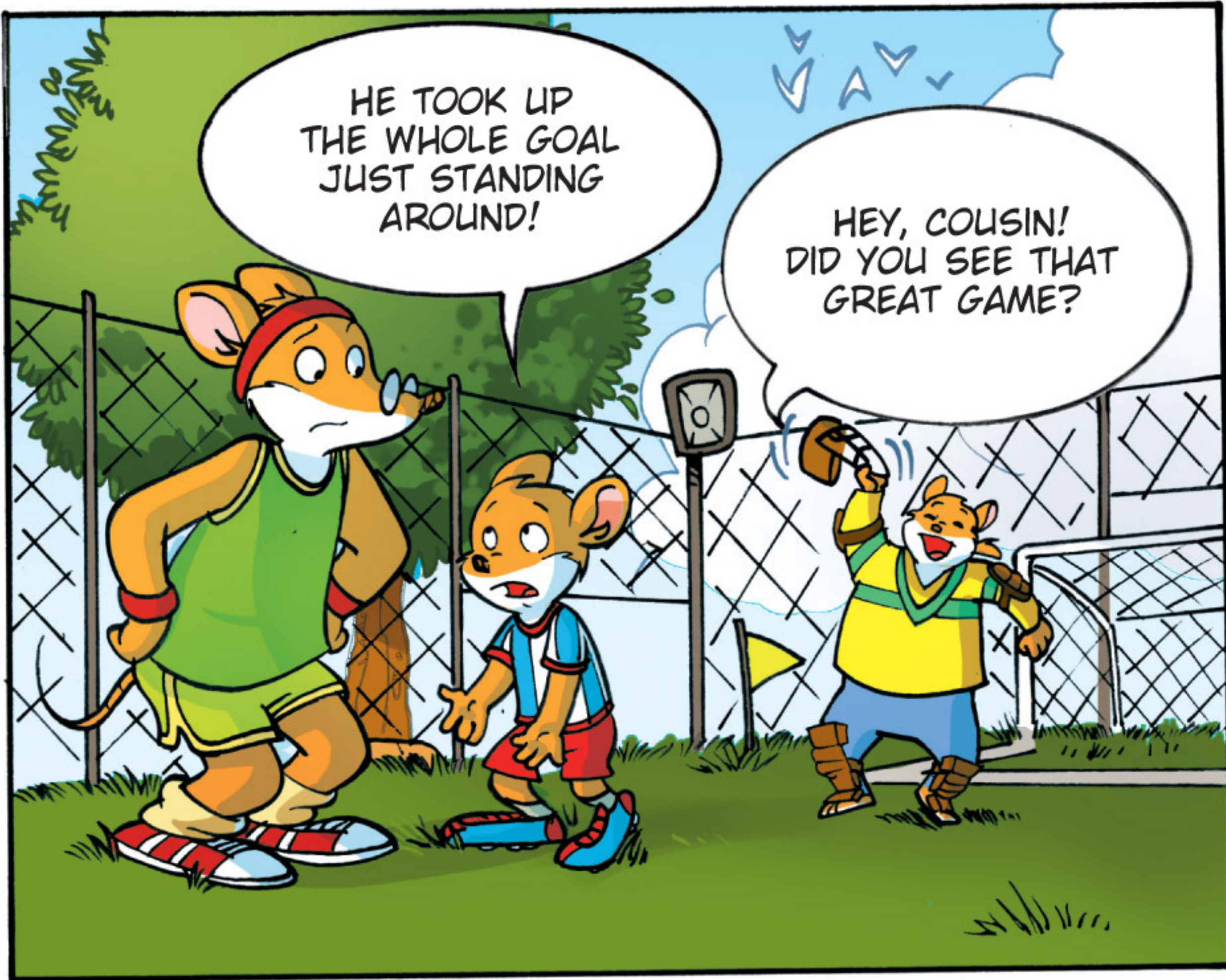
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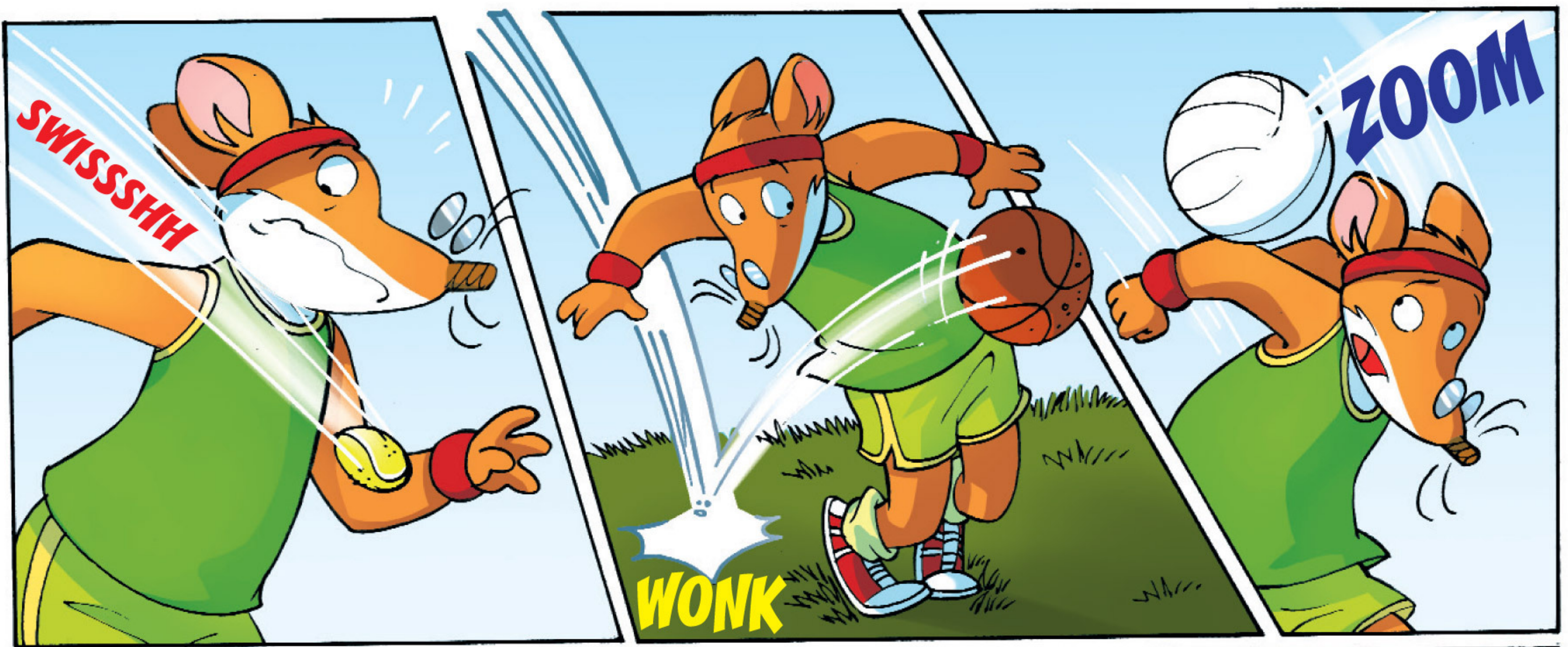
THE GOALIE ON BENJAMIN'S TEAM...

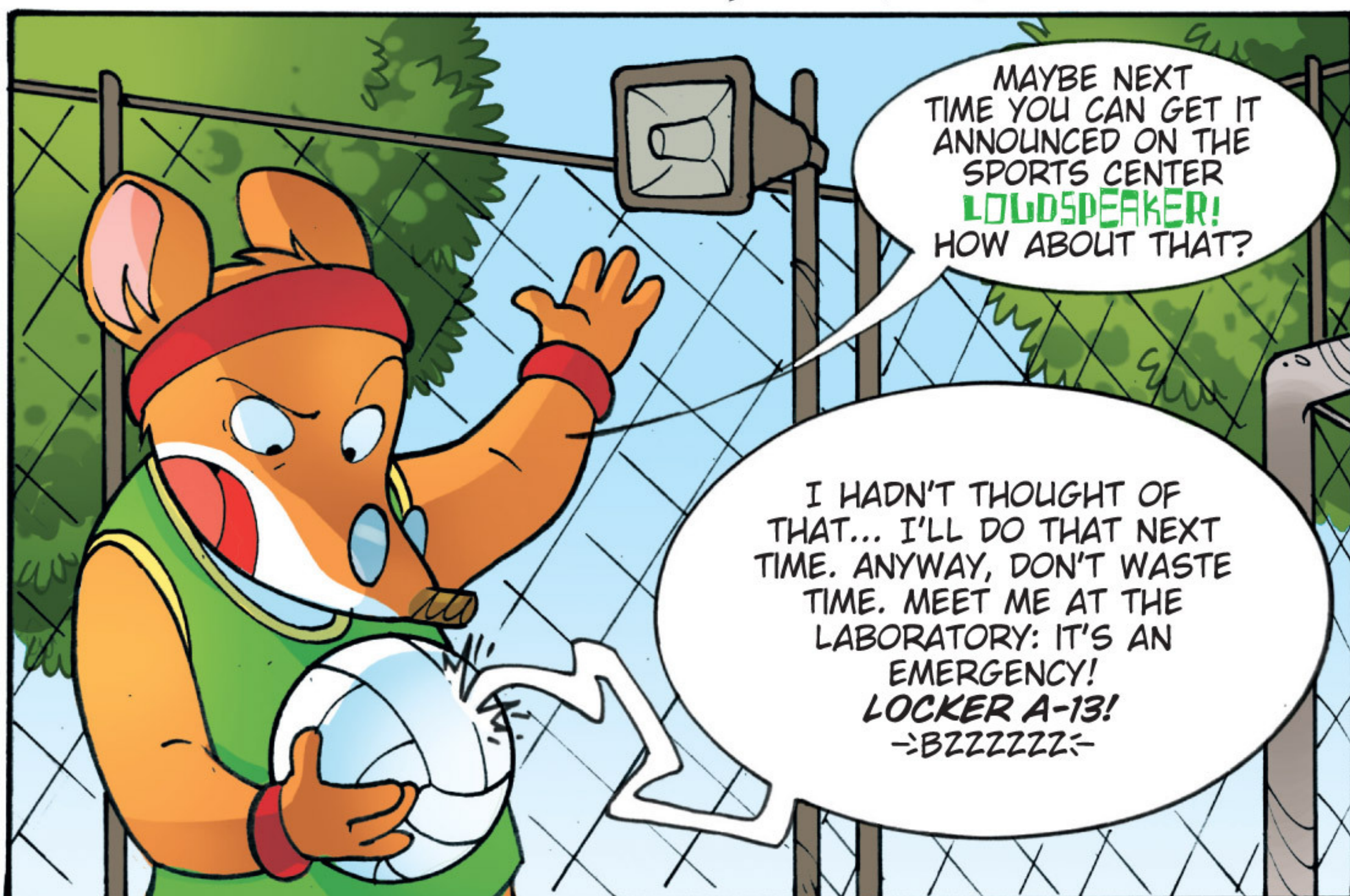
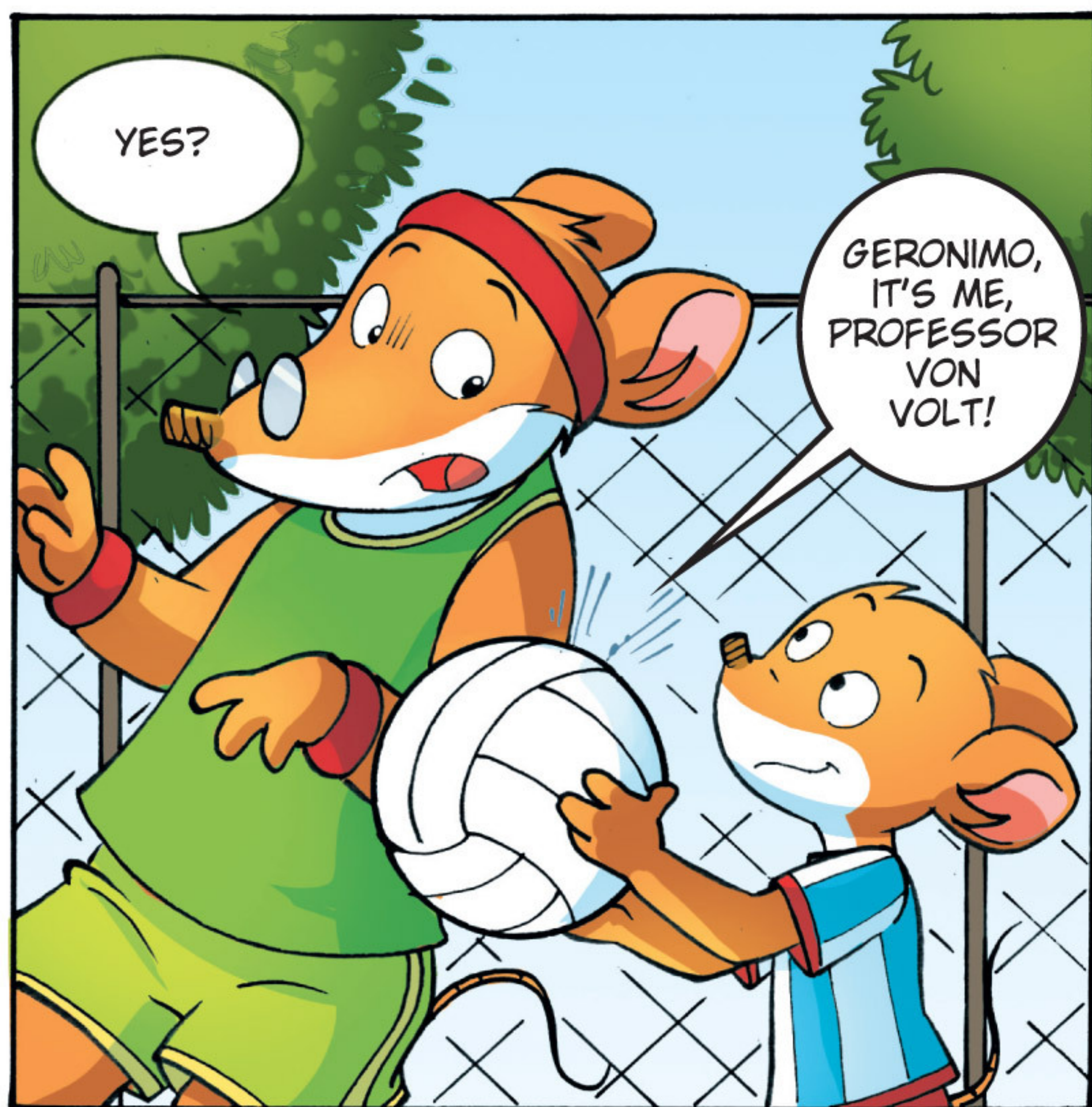


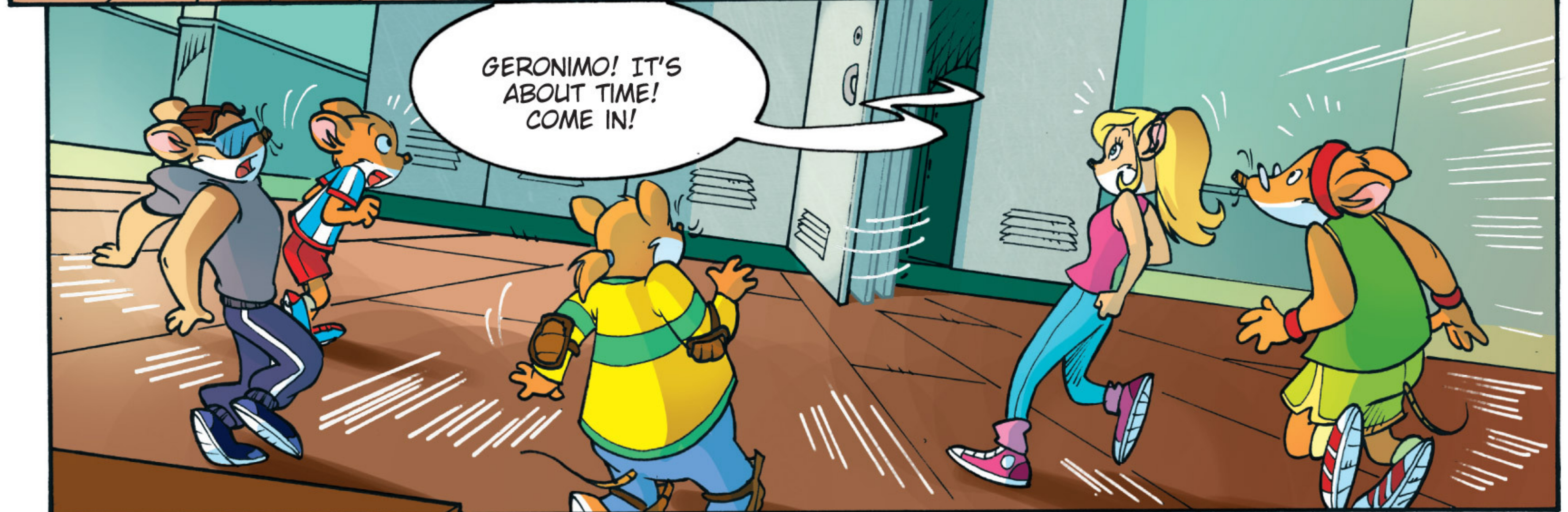
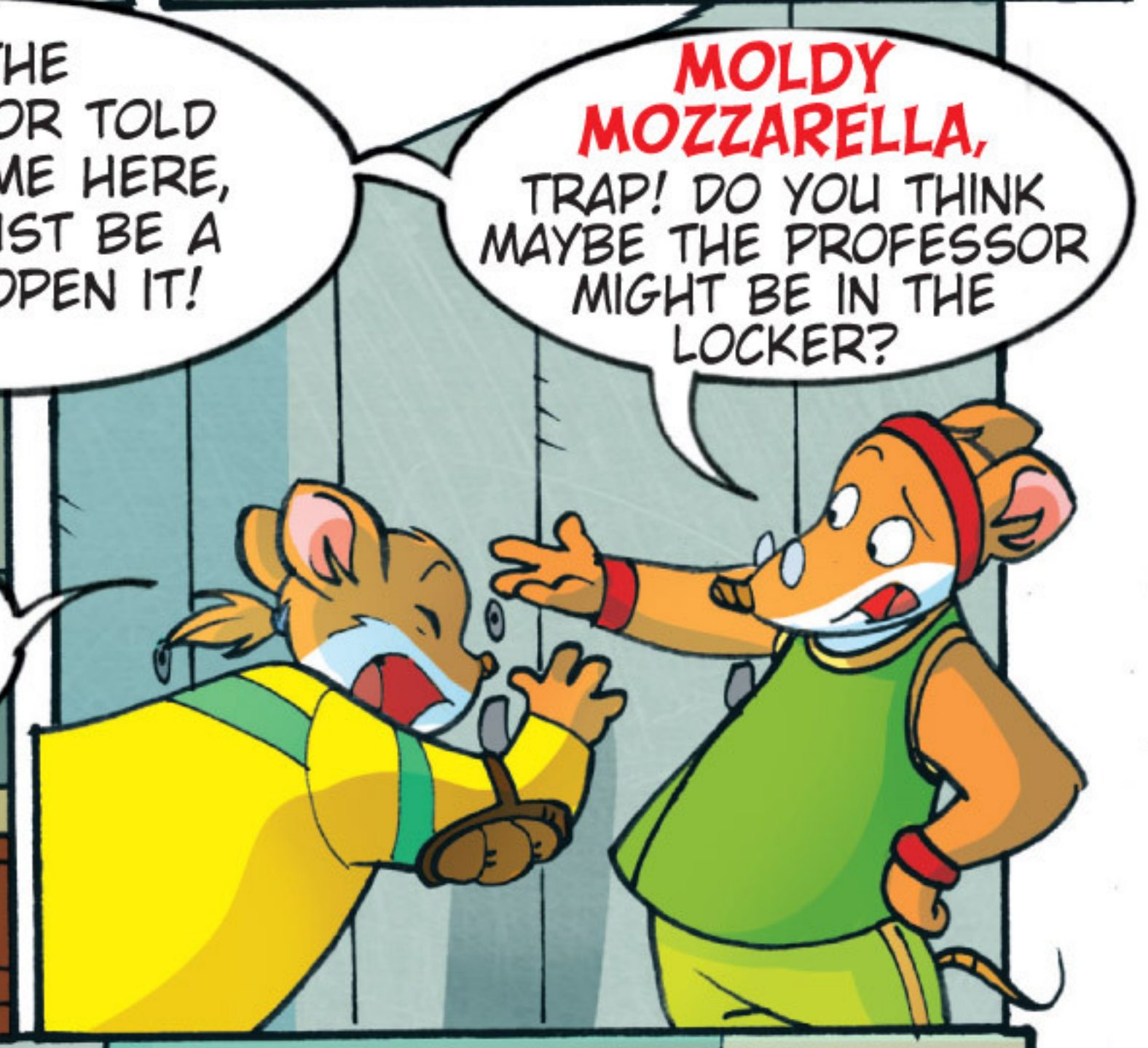
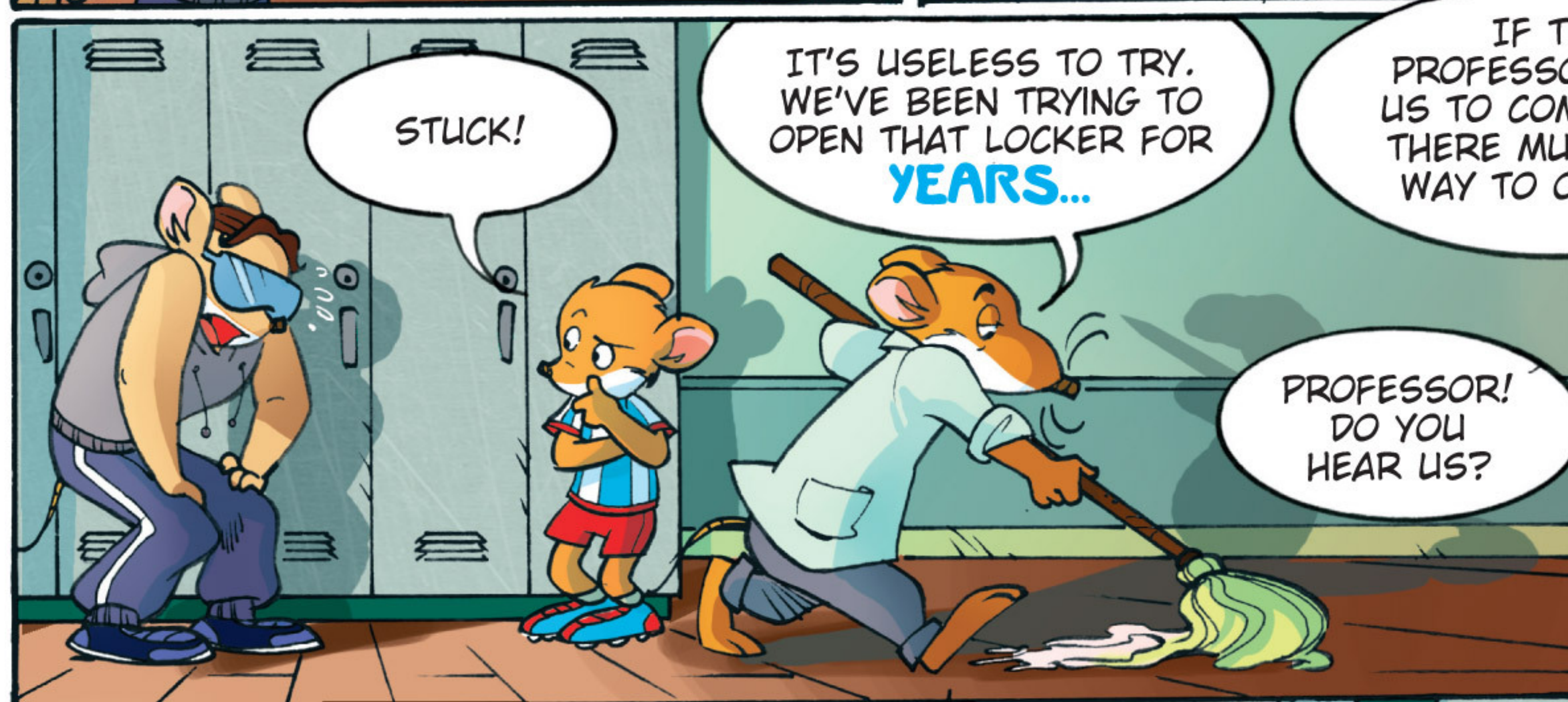
...DOESN'T HE LOOK FAMILIAR TO YOU?

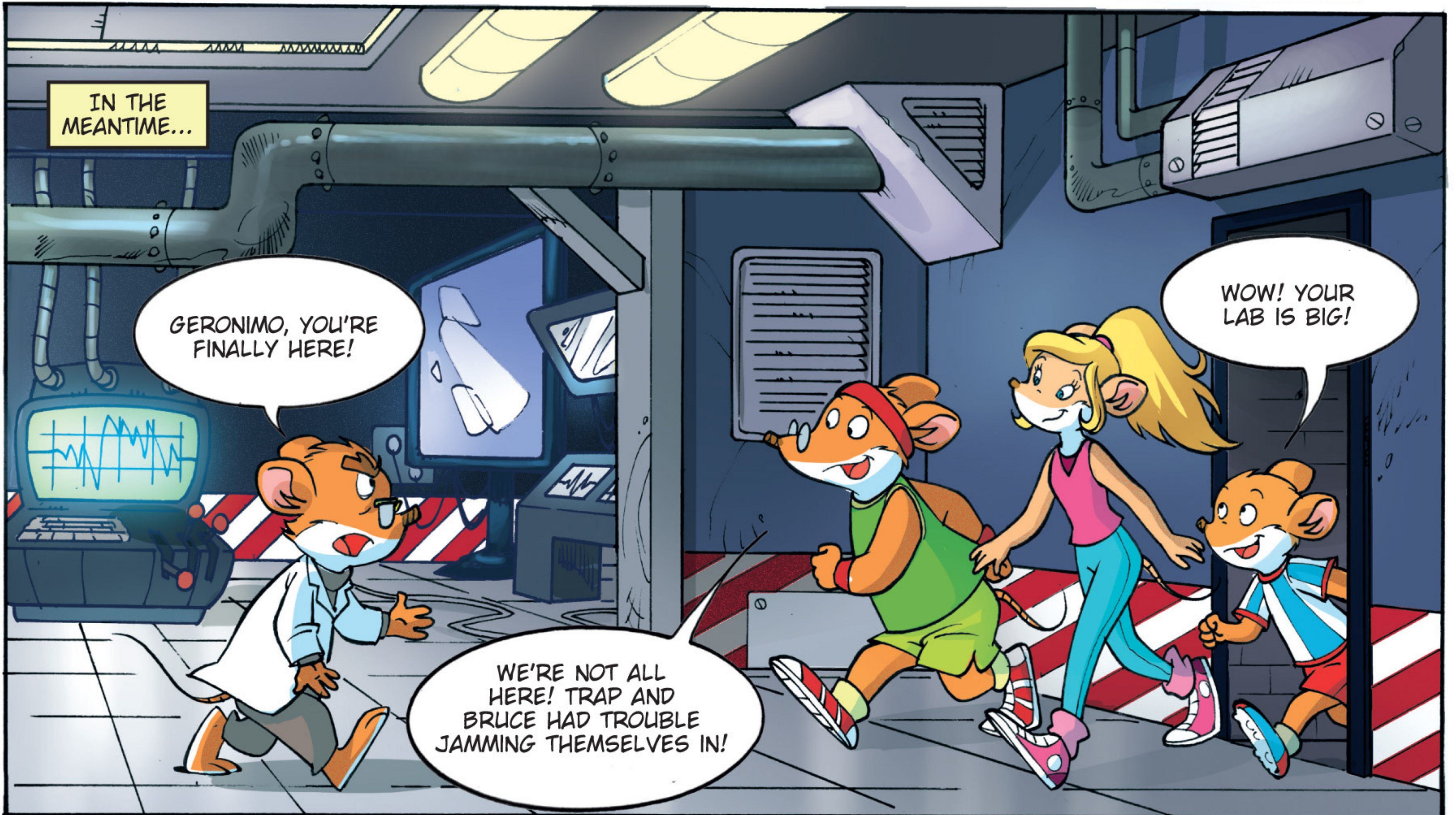
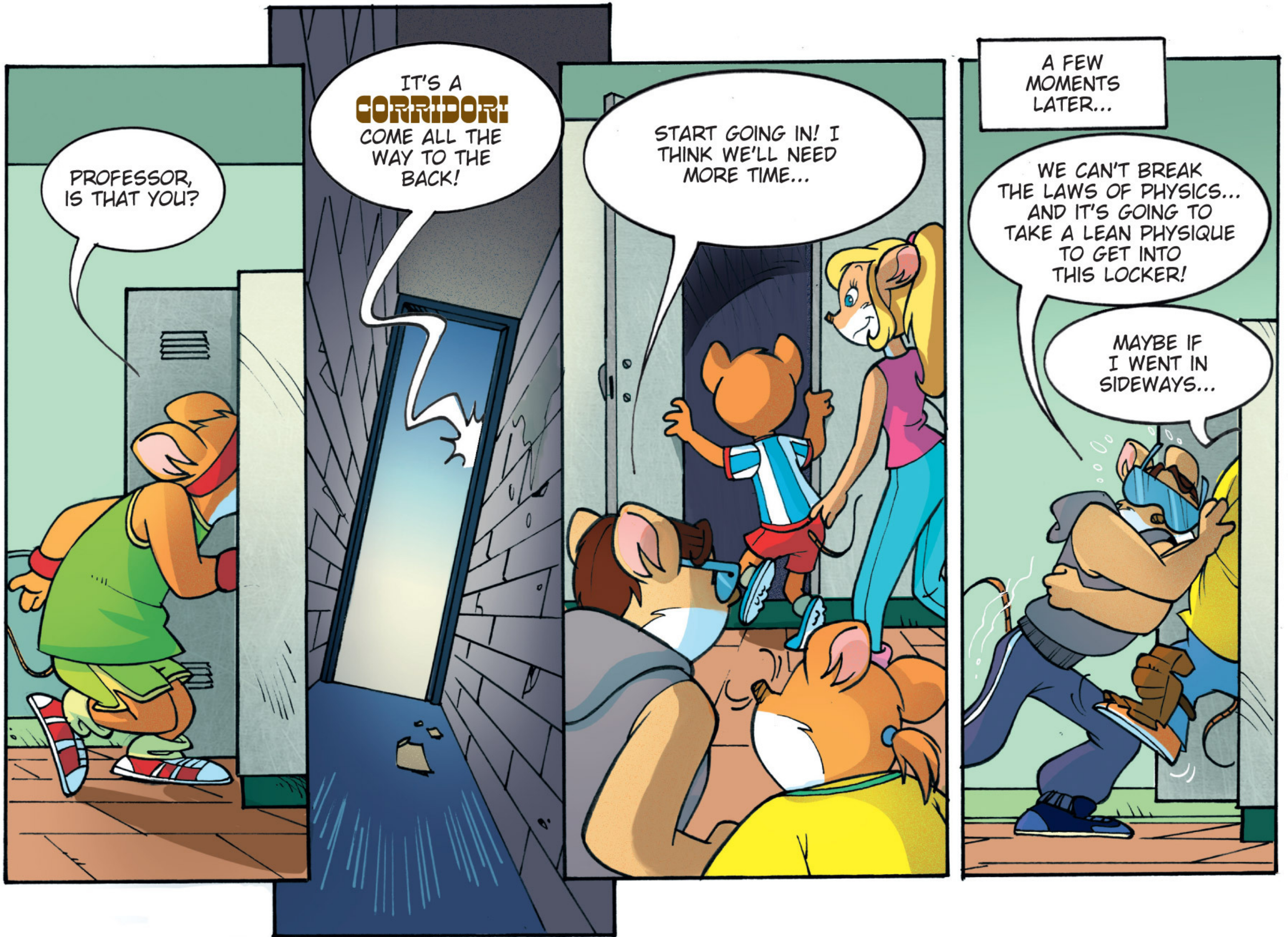


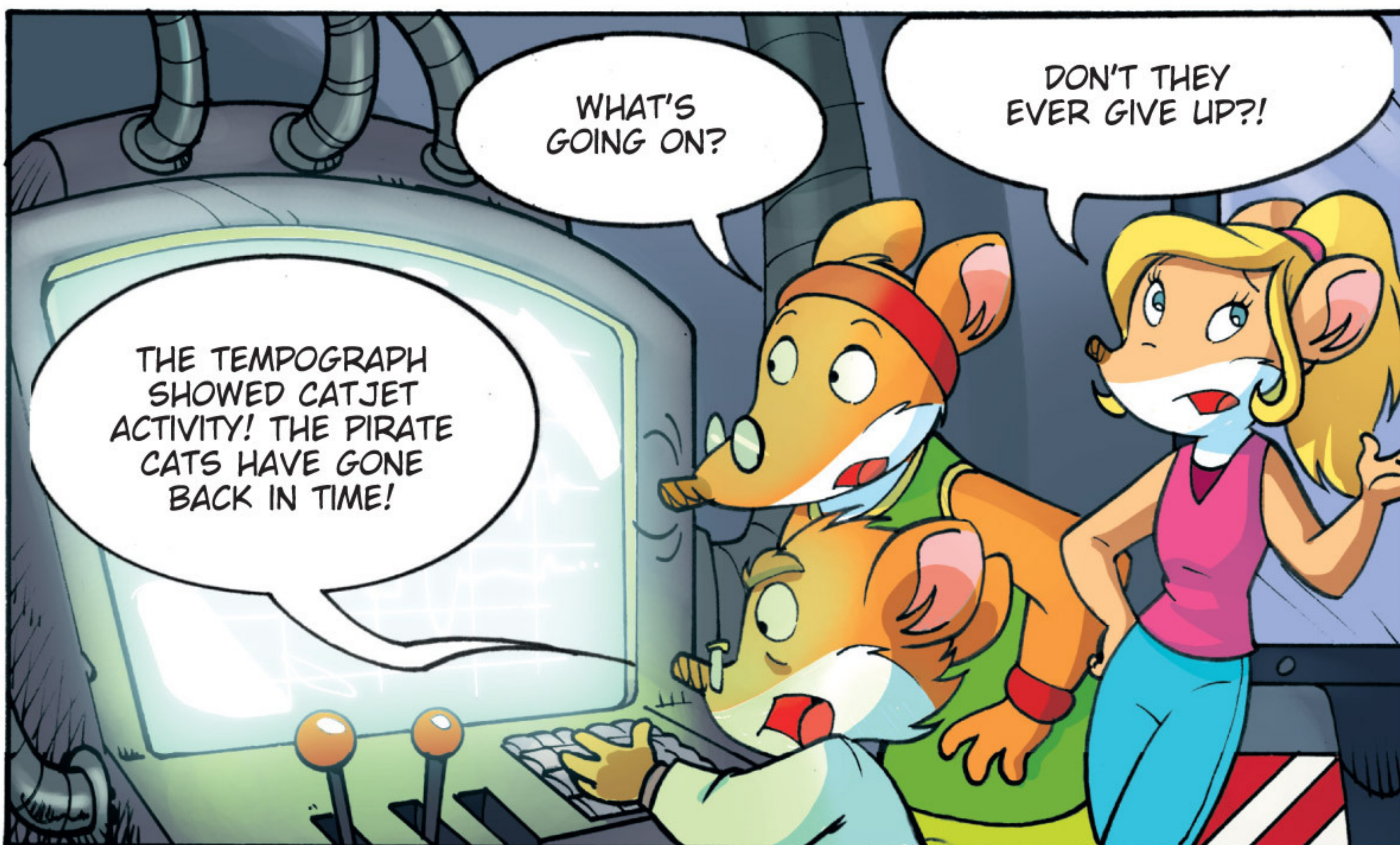












WHAT'S GOING ON?

DON'T THEY EVER GIVE UP?!

THE TEMPOGRAPH SHOWED CATJET ACTIVITY! THE PIRATE CATS HAVE GONE BACK IN TIME!



IT SEEMS TO ME THAT THEY'VE GONE BACK TO THE SPRING OF 1896, IN ATHENS. WHICH MEANS...



...THE FIRST MODERN OLYMPICS!

UHM, YES. EXACTLY.

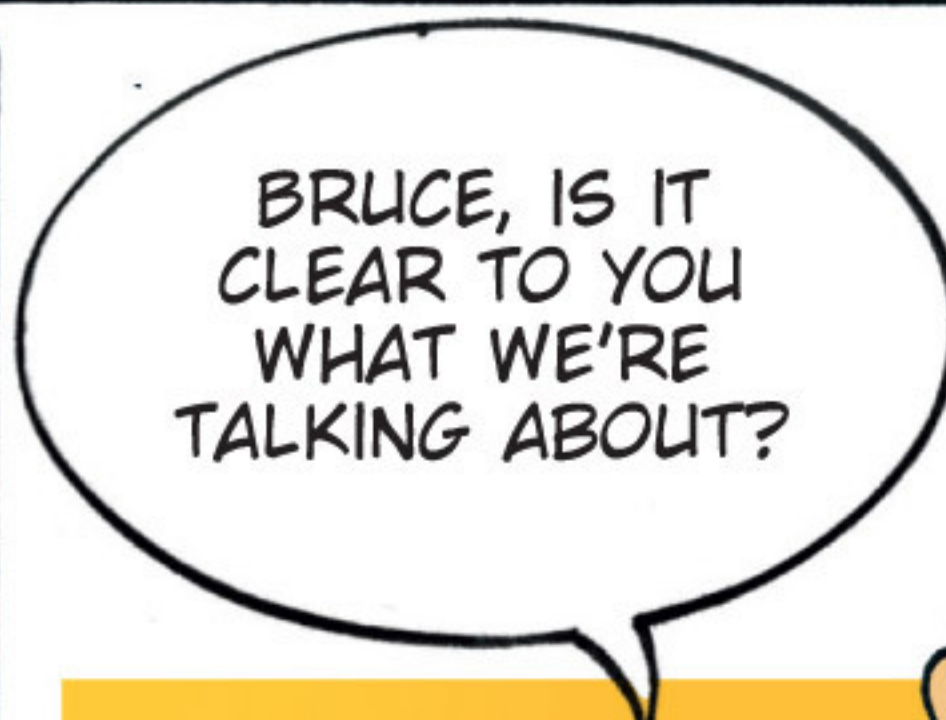
I DIDN'T KNOW YOU WERE A HISTORY EXPERT, BRUCE.

HISTORICAL NOTE: THE OLYMPICS

THE ANCIENT OLYMPIC GAMES WERE ATHLETIC AND RELIGIOUS CELEBRATIONS THAT TOOK PLACE IN THE ANCIENT GREEK CITY OF OLYMPIA FROM 776 B.C. TO 393 A.D. A TOTAL OF 292 OLYMPIC GAMES WERE HELD DURING ANTIQUITY. THE MODERN OLYMPICS WERE FOUNDED IN 1894 WHEN PIERRE FRÉDY, BARON DE COUBERTIN ENVISIONED THEM AS A TOOL FOR FOSTERING UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN NATIONS THROUGH SPORTS COMPETITIONS.



IT'S NOT ONLY ABOUT HISTORY; IT'S ALSO ABOUT SPORTS!



BRUCE, IS IT CLEAR TO YOU WHAT WE'RE TALKING ABOUT?

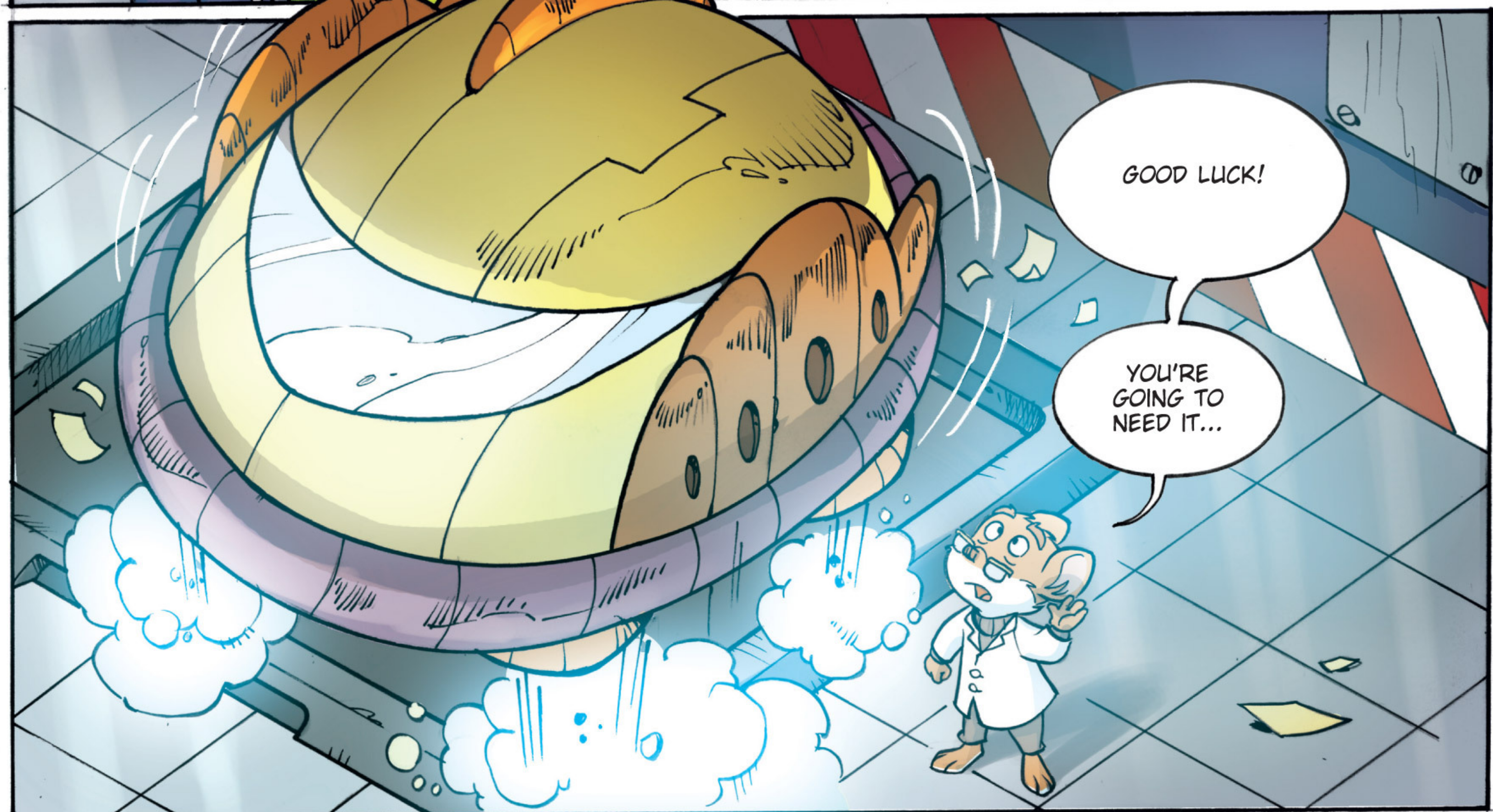
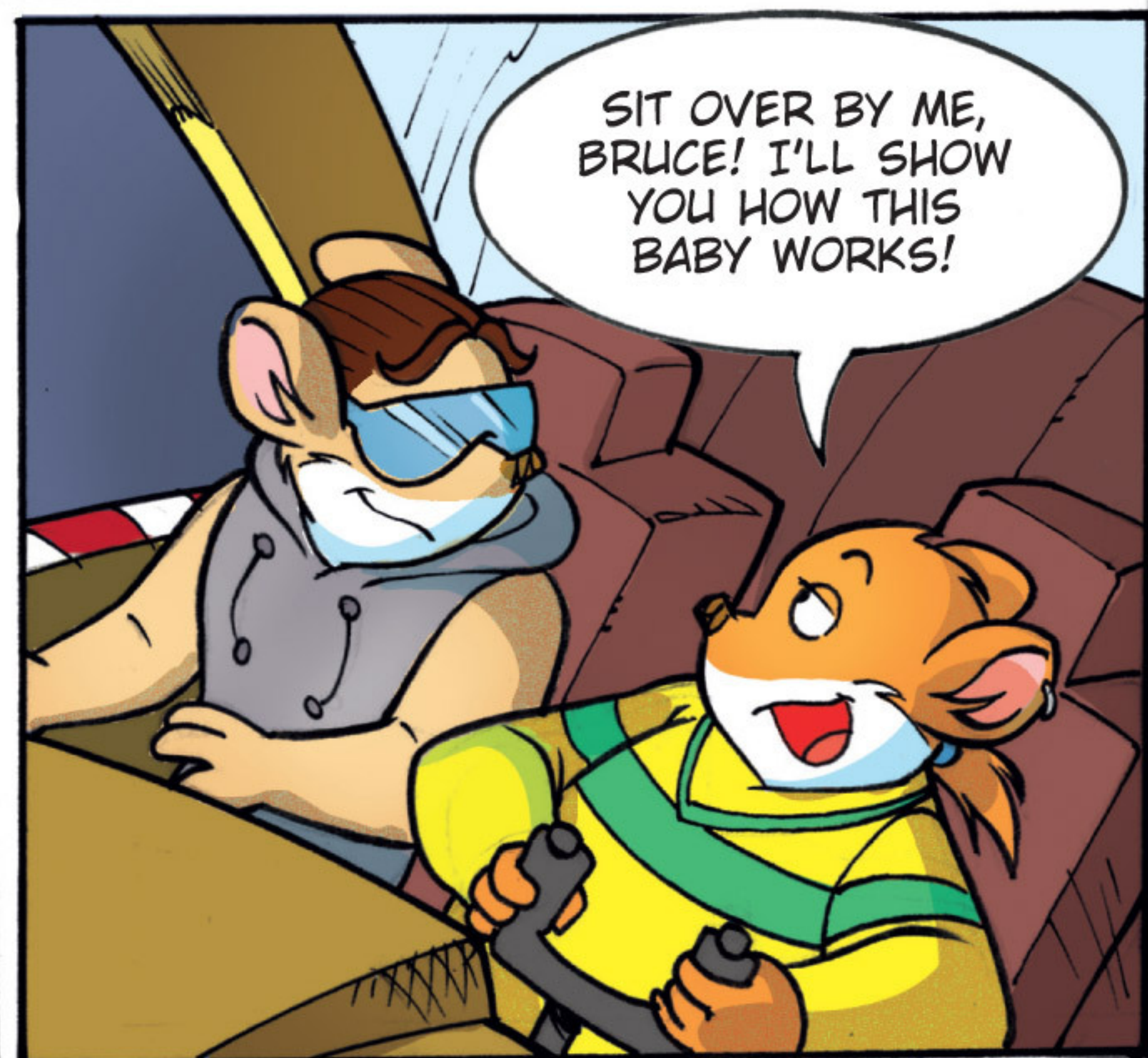
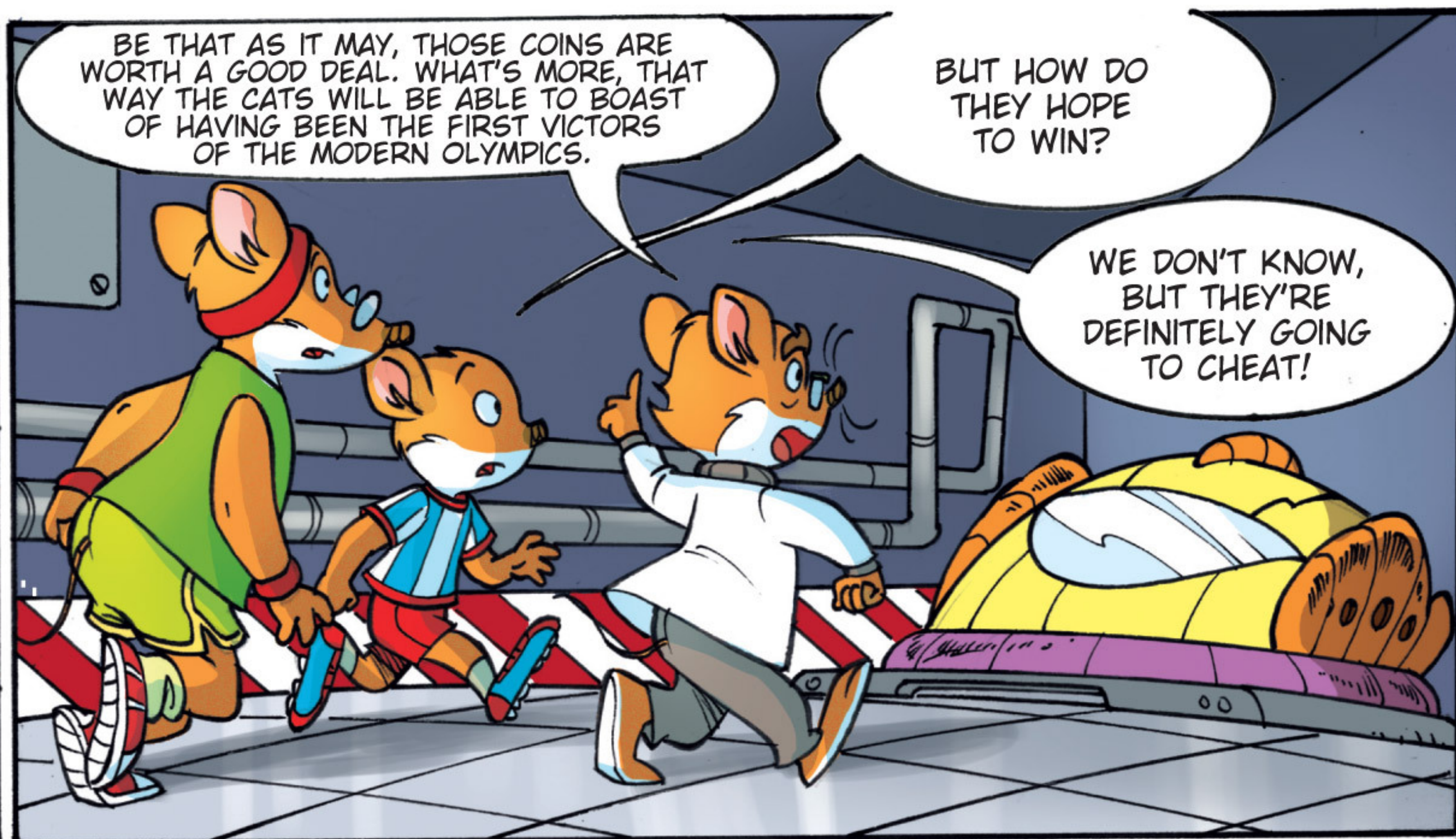


TIME TRAVEL. OLYMPICS. PIRATE CATS. OKAY, GOT IT!



HE GOT IT. HE'S A REAL SMARTY-PAWS!





MEANWHILE, THE PIRATE CATS HAD ARRIVED IN THE ATHENIAN COUNTRYSIDE, ON THE FIRST DAY OF THE START OF THE OLYMPICS, APRIL 5, 1896...

THERE, THAT SHOULD BE EVERYTHING...

THAT'S NOT REALLY THE BEST PLACE TO HIDE THE CATJET!



BOSS, THEY'VE FOUND US OUT!

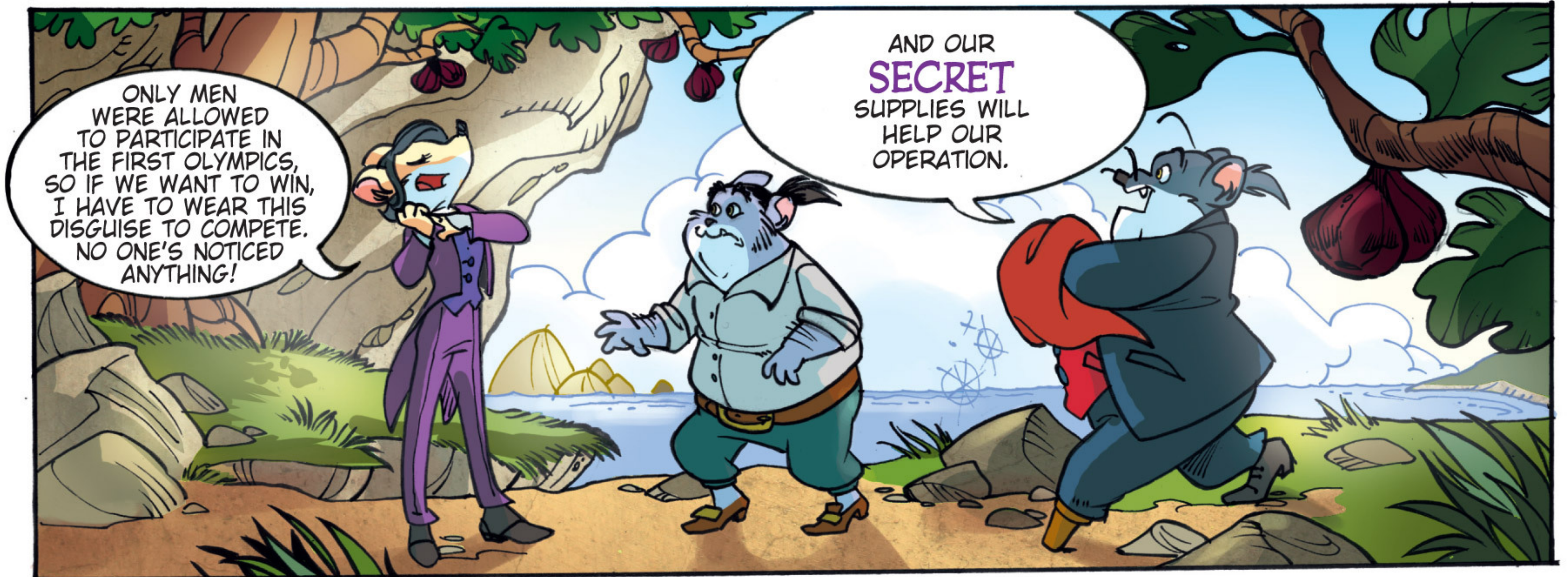
?!

ATHENIAN GENTLEMOUSE, HOW ARE THINGS AROUND HERE?

WE'RE MERCHANTS TRAVELING WITH...

...

...WITH OUR **EXOTIC** BUGGY! THERE'S NOTHING STRANGE HERE!



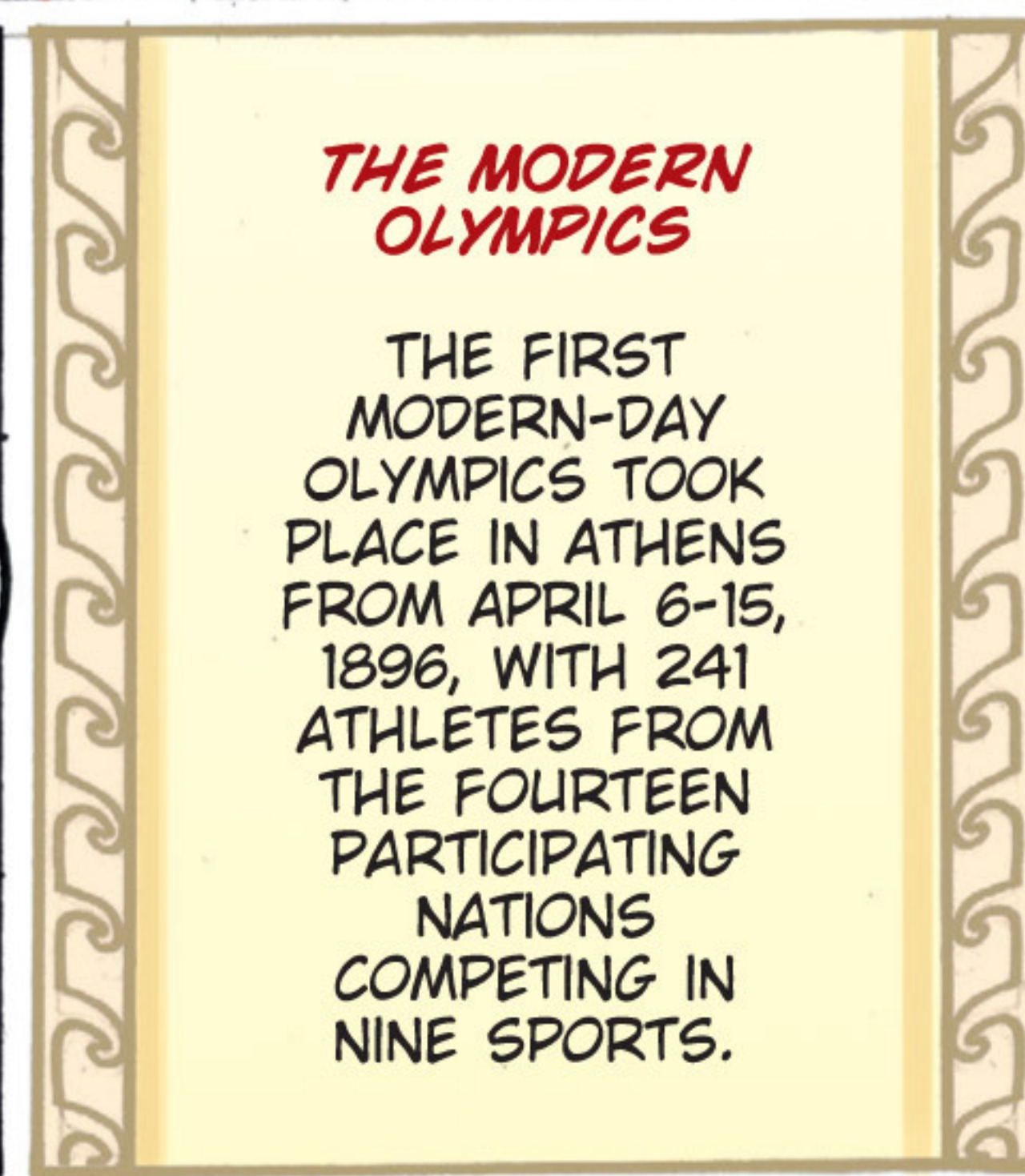
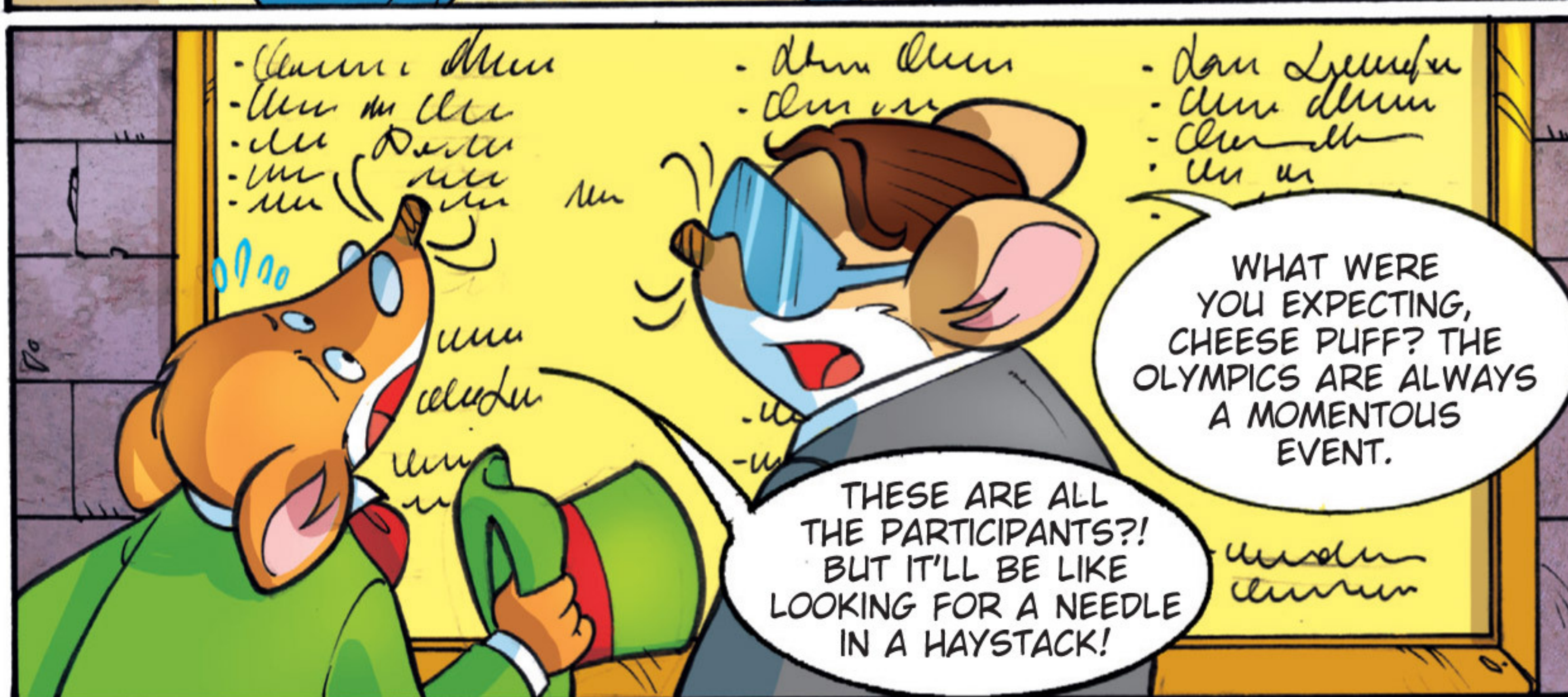
IN THE MEANTIME, WE'D
CAUGHT UP WITH THE
PIRATE CATS...

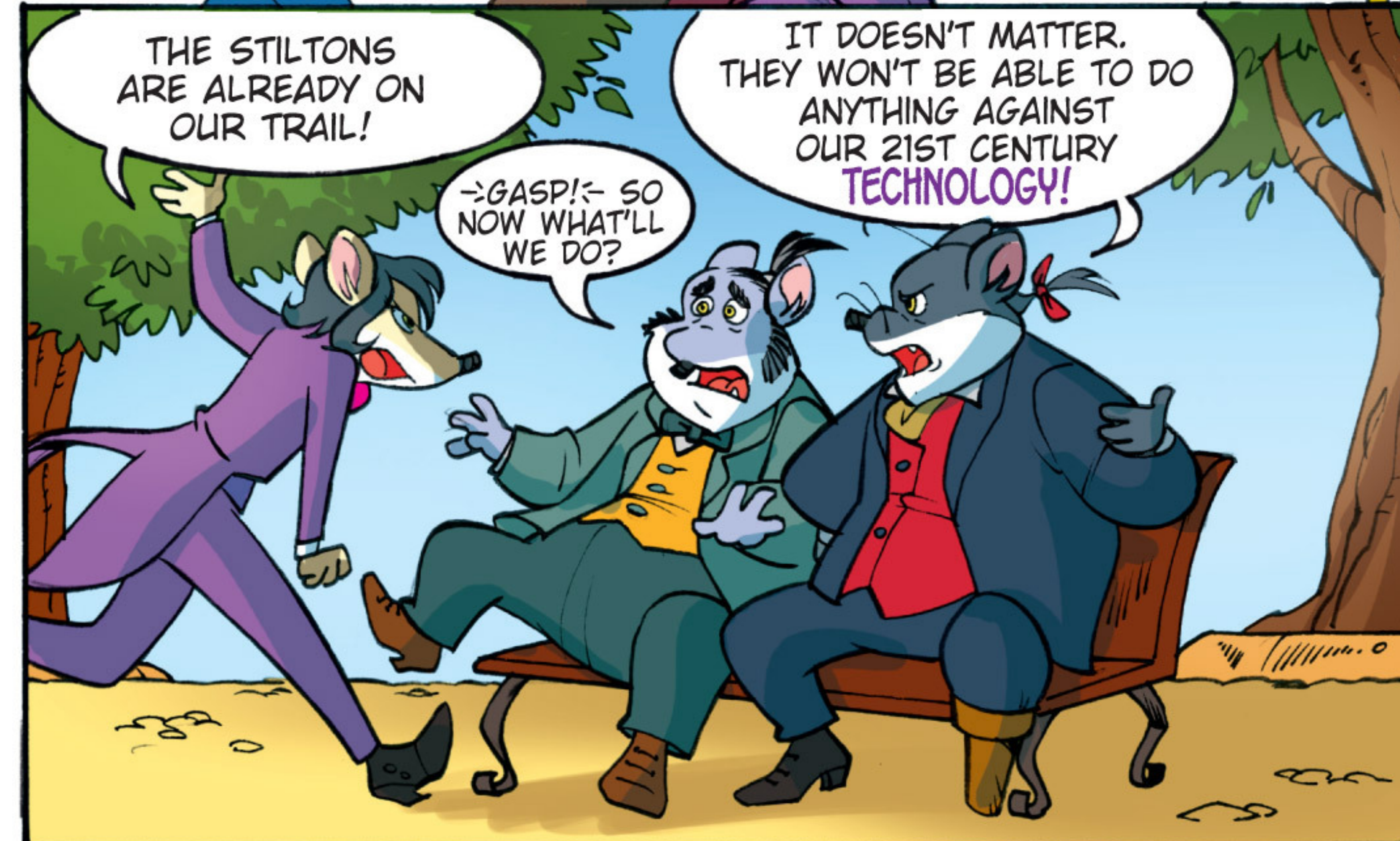
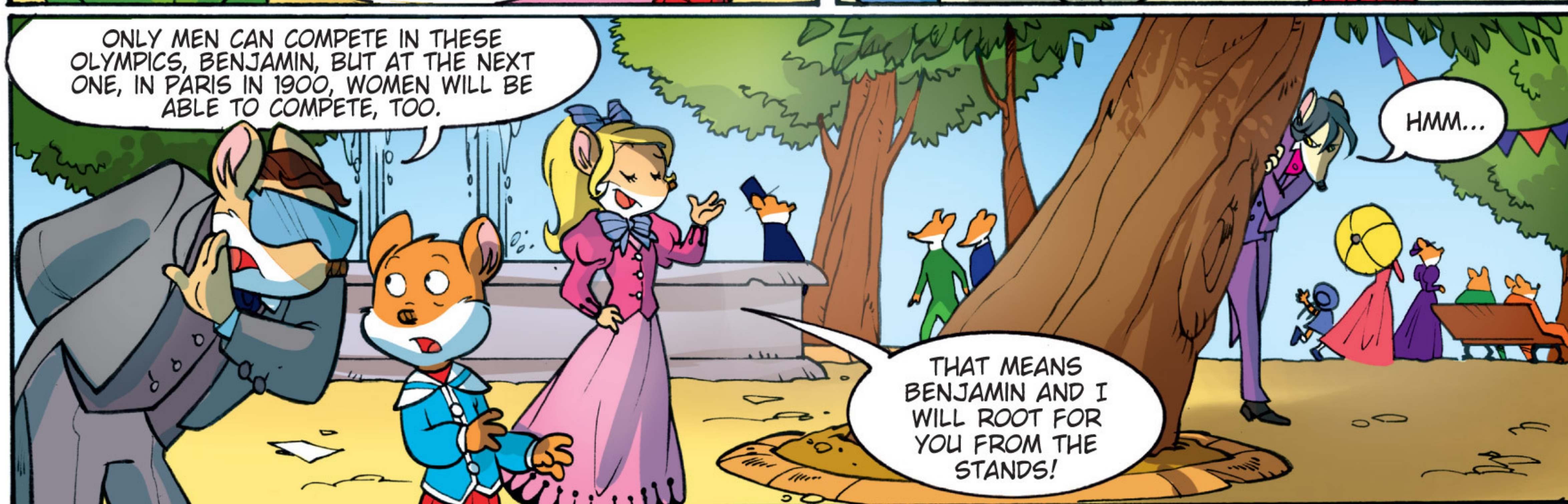
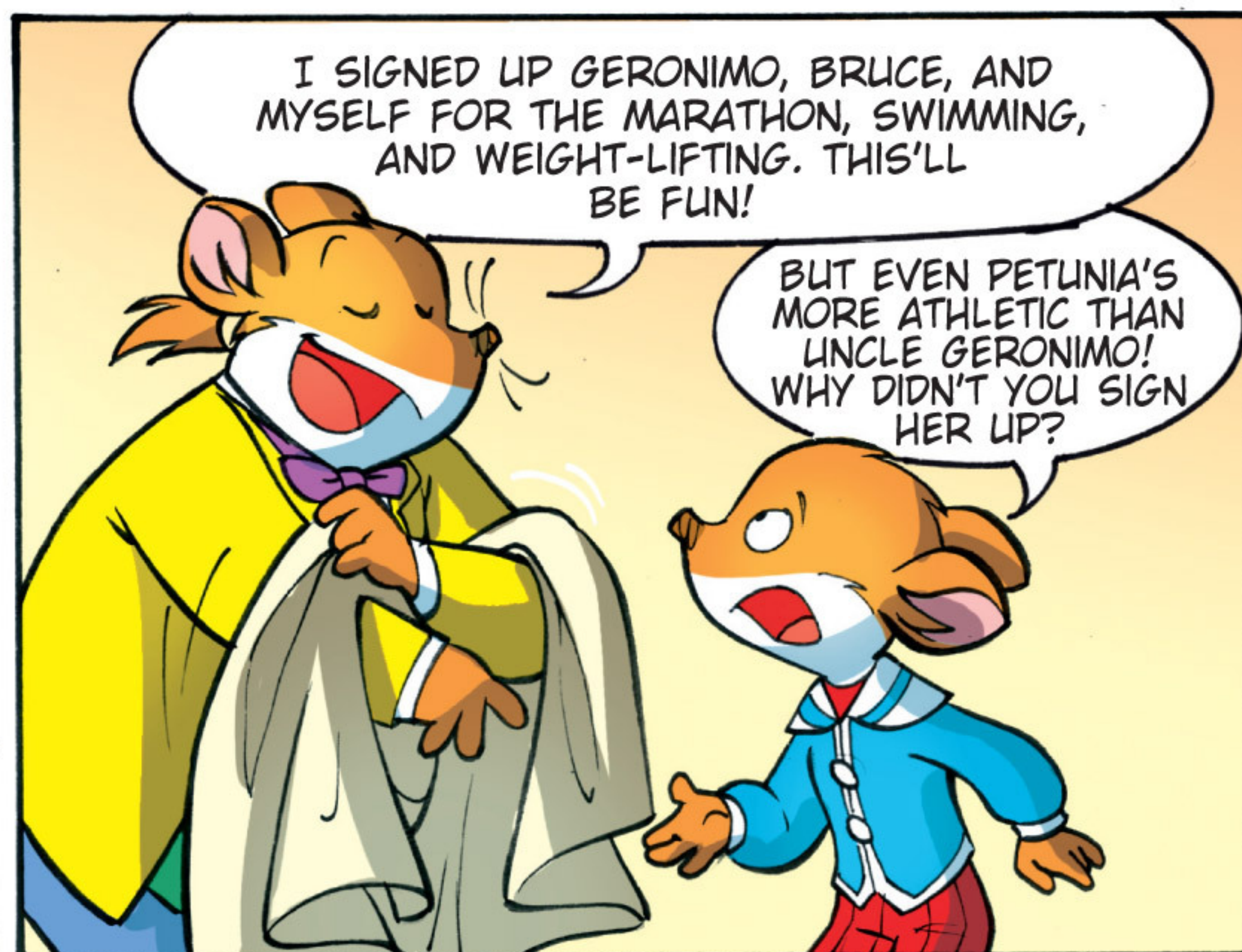
ATHENS, APRIL 5, 1896,
THE EVENING OF THE
FIRST OLYMPIC GAMES
IN THE MODERN ERA.

I DIDN'T
THINK THAT
EVEN AT THE
FIRST MODERN
OLYMPICS THERE
WOULD'VE BEEN
SO MANY
PEOPLE!

**HISTORICAL NOTE:
THE MODERN
OLYMPICS**

THE OLYMPIC GAMES
ARE HELD EVERY
FOUR YEARS AND
ARE A COMPETITION
BETWEEN THE BEST
ATHLETES IN THE
WORLD IN NEARLY
ALL THE SPORTS
PLAYED ON THE FIVE
CONTINENTS. THE
NAME OLYMPICS
WAS CHOSEN TO
COMMEMORATE THE
GAMES THAT TOOK
PLACE IN ANCIENT
GREECE NEAR THE
CITY OF OLYMPIA,
WHEN THE
BEST GREEK
ATHLETES COMPETED
AGAINST EACH
OTHER.

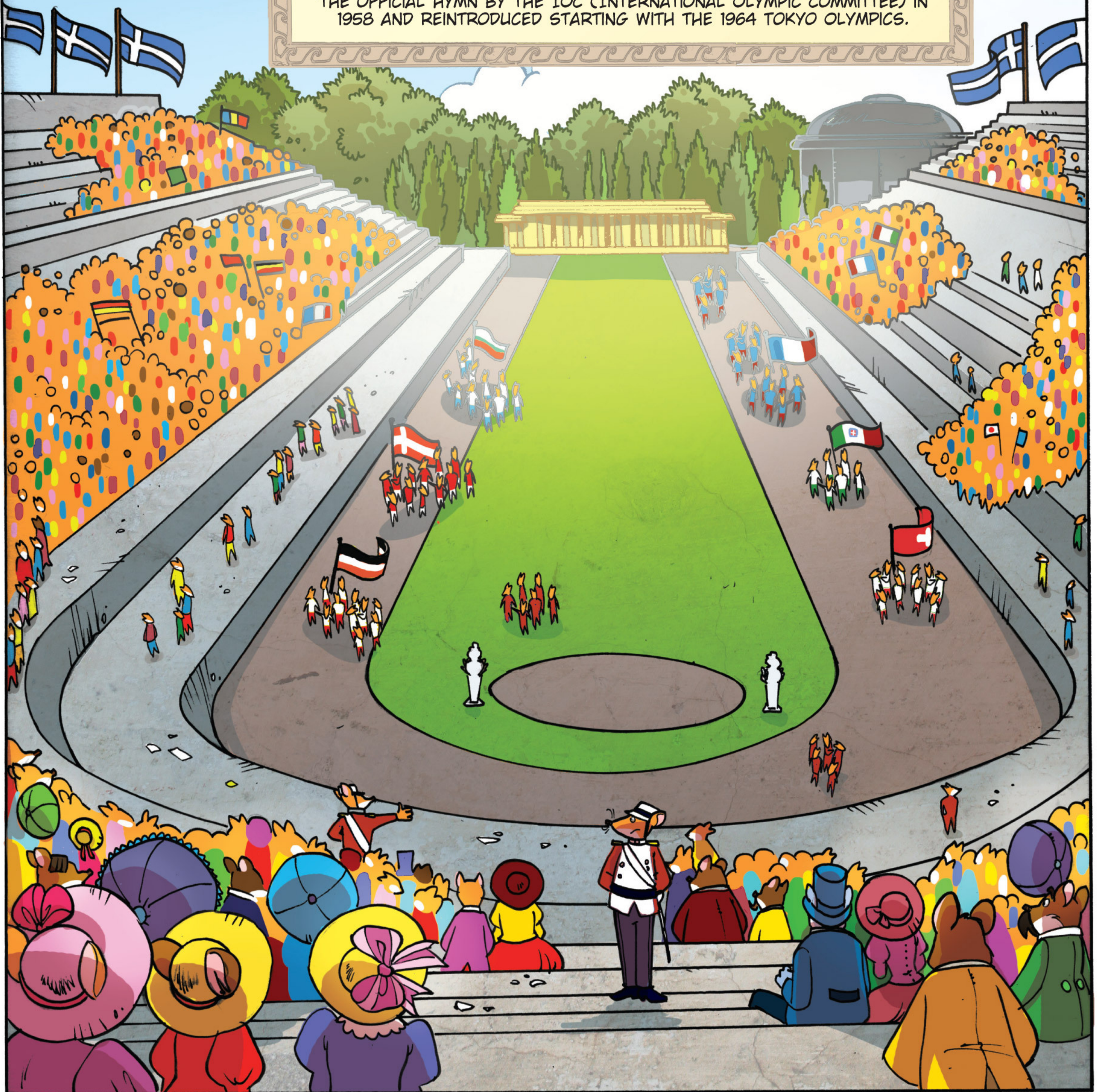




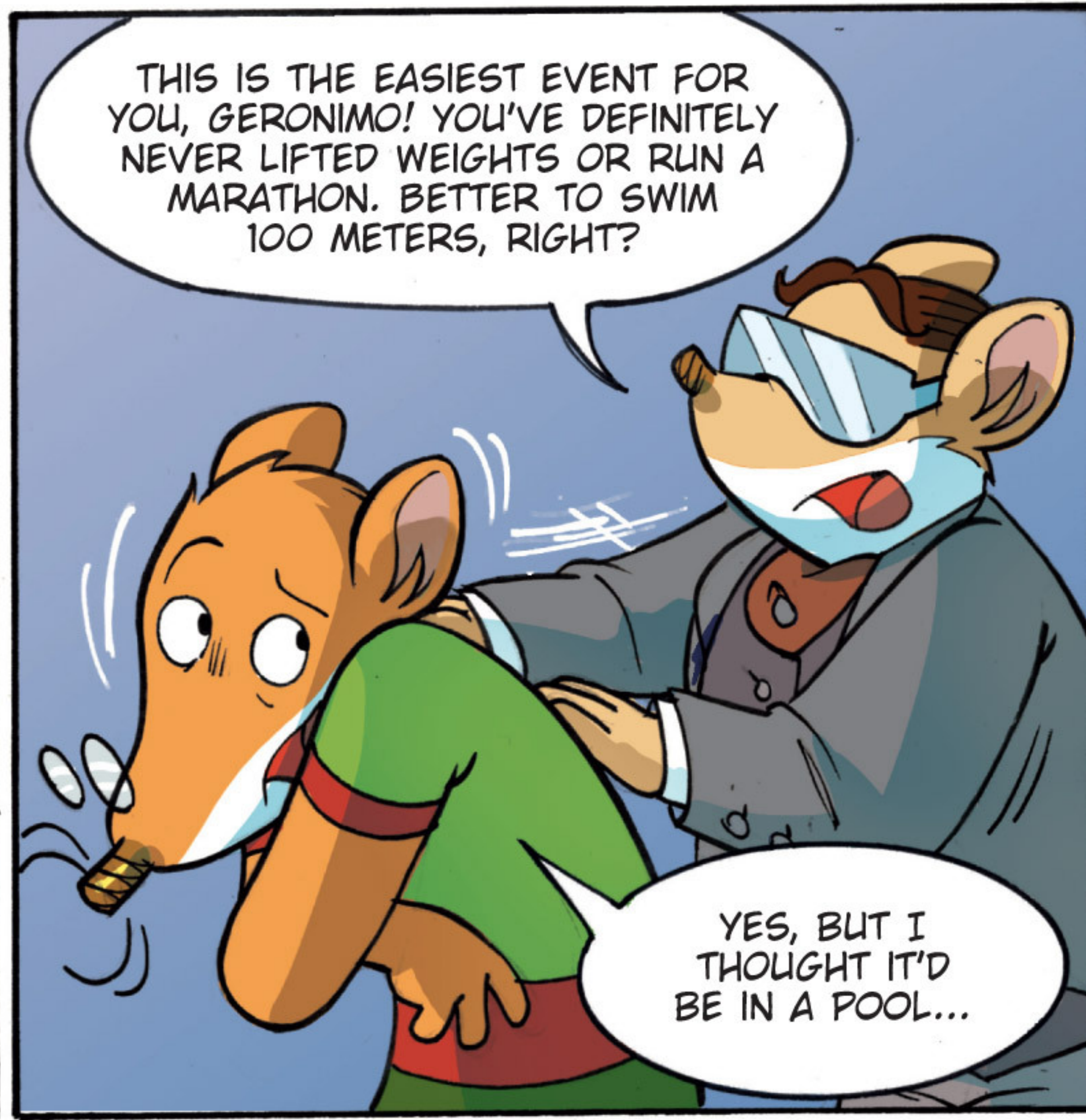
APRIL 6, 1896. THE OPENING OF THE FIRST MODERN OLYMPIC GAMES...

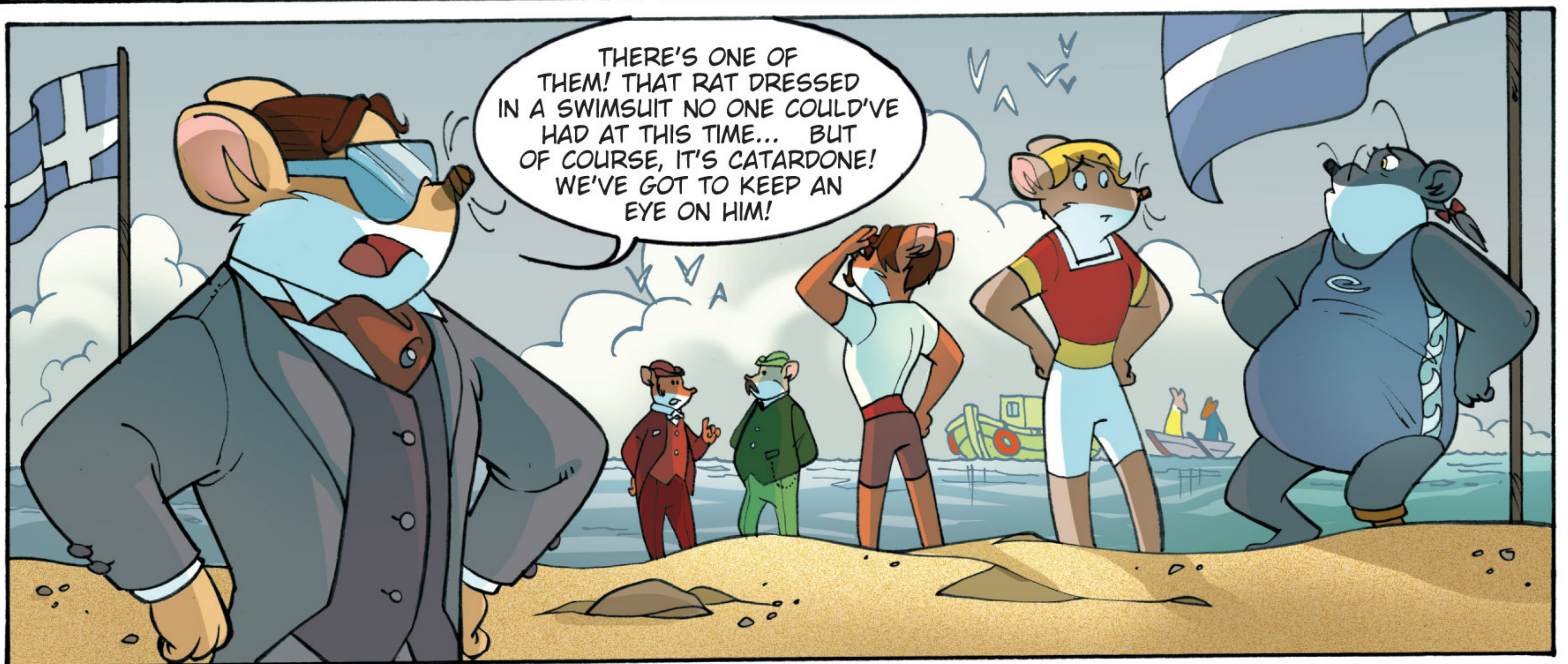
HISTORICAL NOTE: THE OPENING CEREMONIES

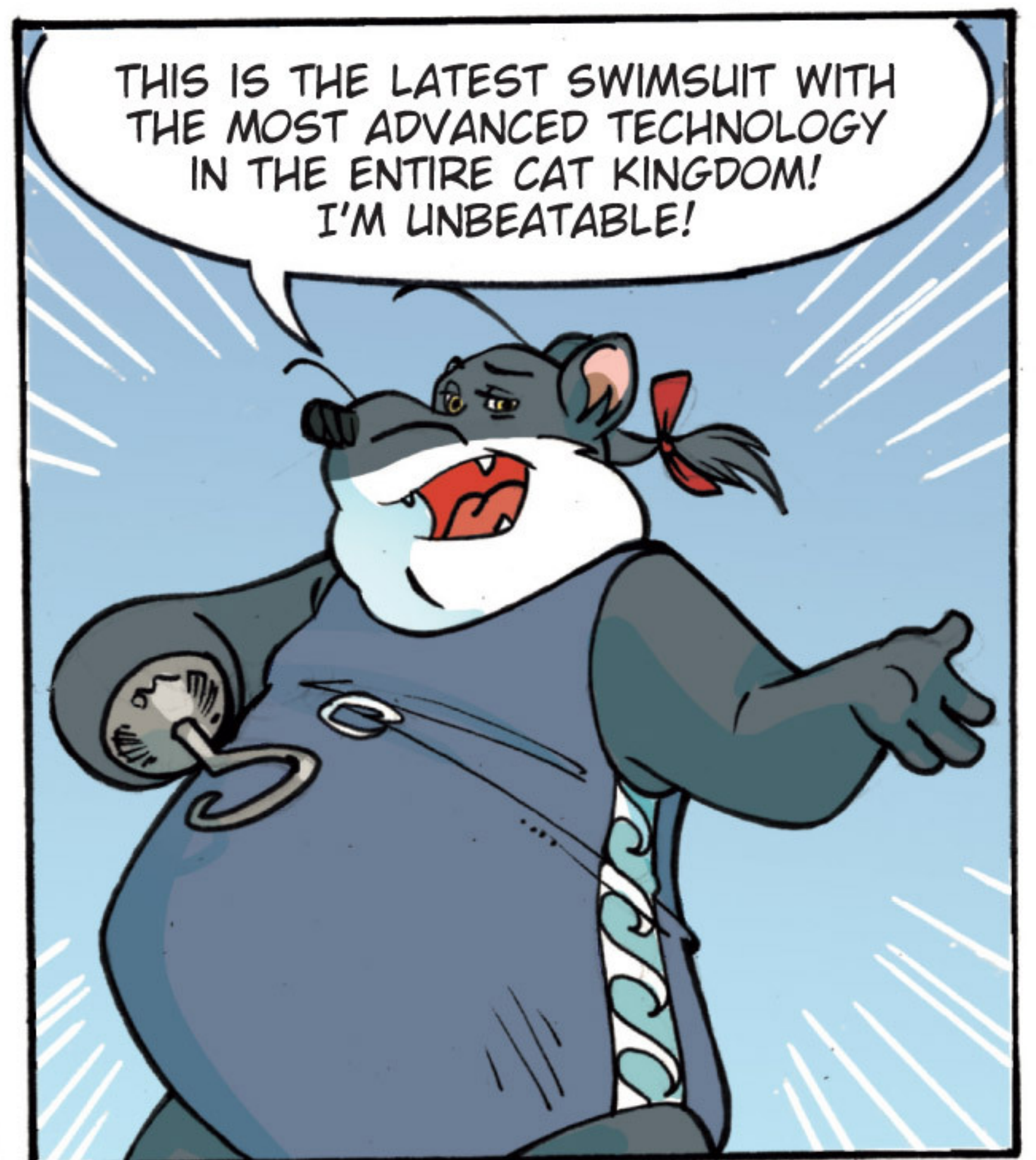
THERE WERE ABOUT 80,000 PEOPLE AT THE PANATHENAIC STADIUM. A TOTAL OF 9 BANDS AND 150 CHORISTERS PERFORMED THE OLYMPIC HYMN, WHICH WAS COMPOSED FOR THE OCCASION BY SPYRIDON SAMARAS, WITH WORDS BY POET KOSTIS PALAMAS. IT WAS DECLARED THE OFFICIAL HYMN BY THE IOC (INTERNATIONAL OLYMPIC COMMITTEE) IN 1958 AND REINTRODUCED STARTING WITH THE 1964 TOKYO OLYMPICS.

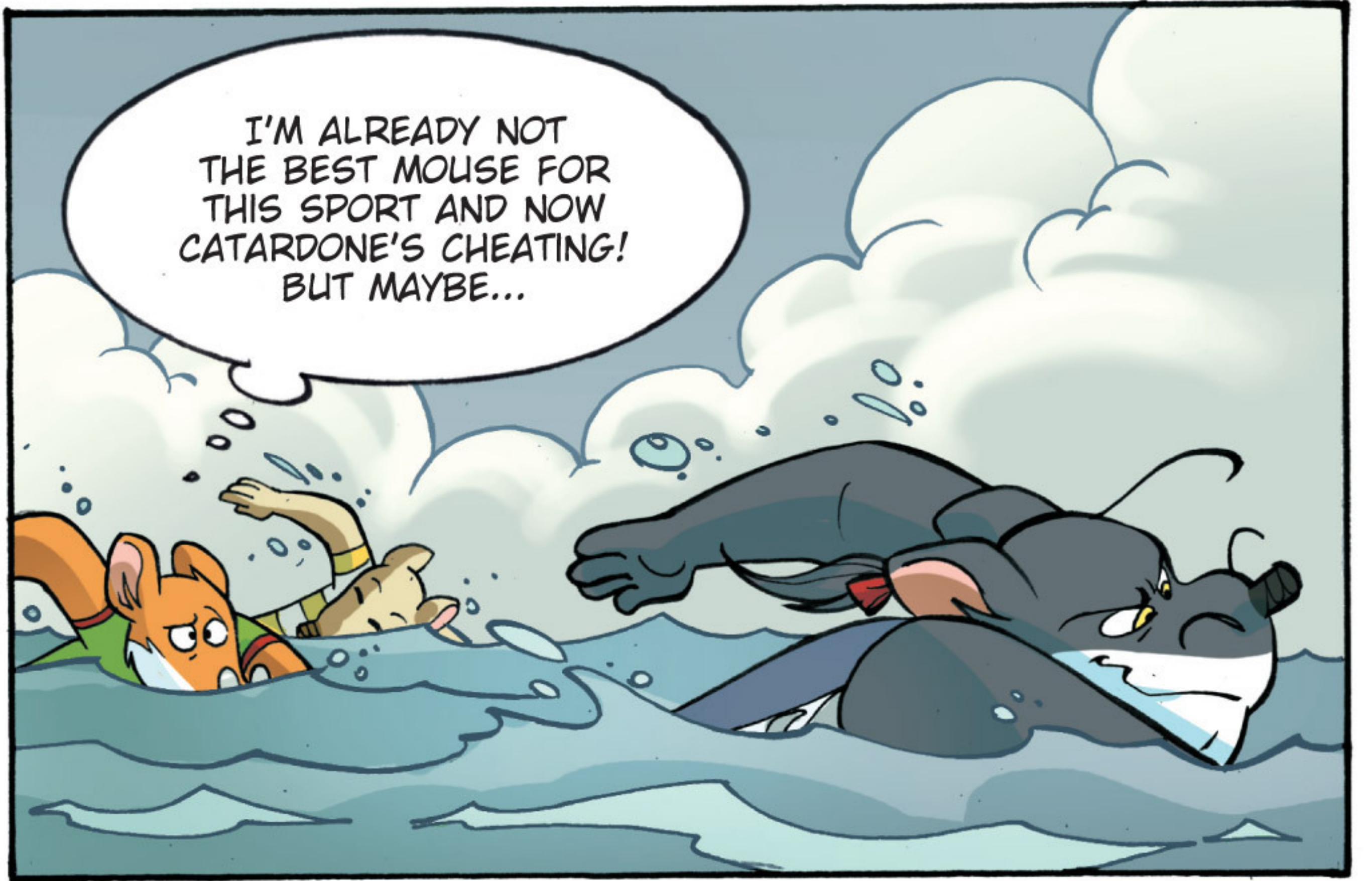
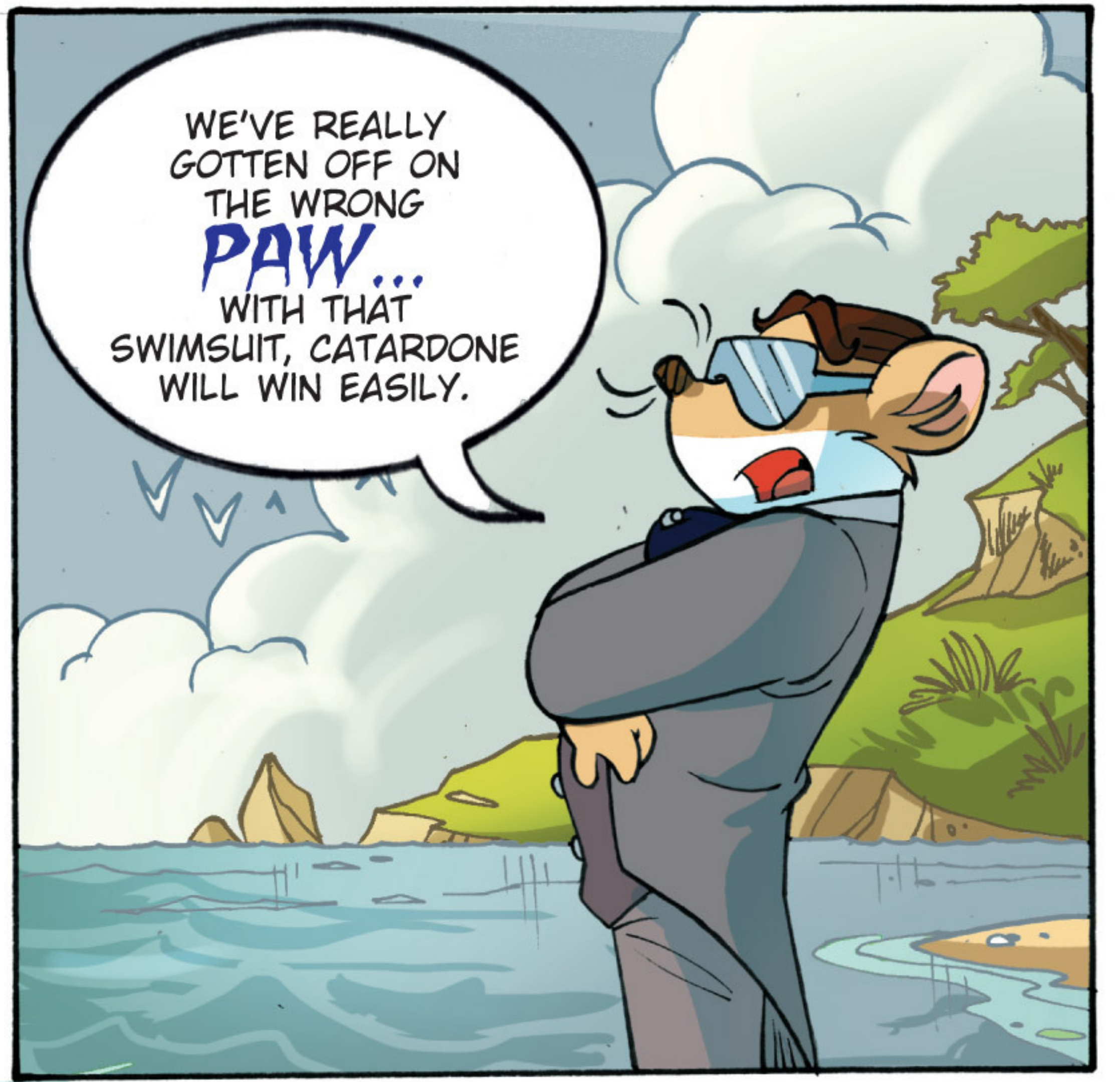
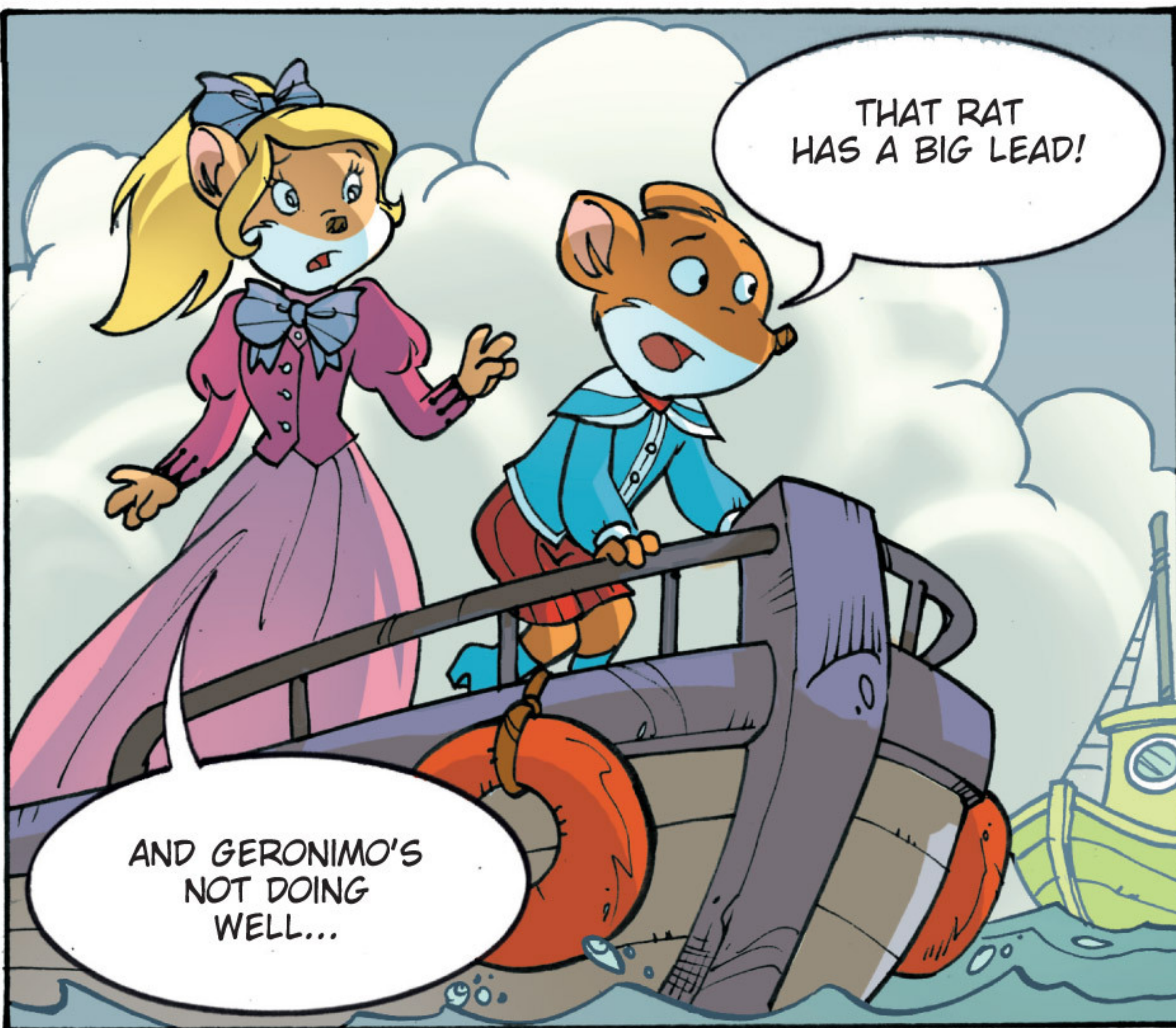


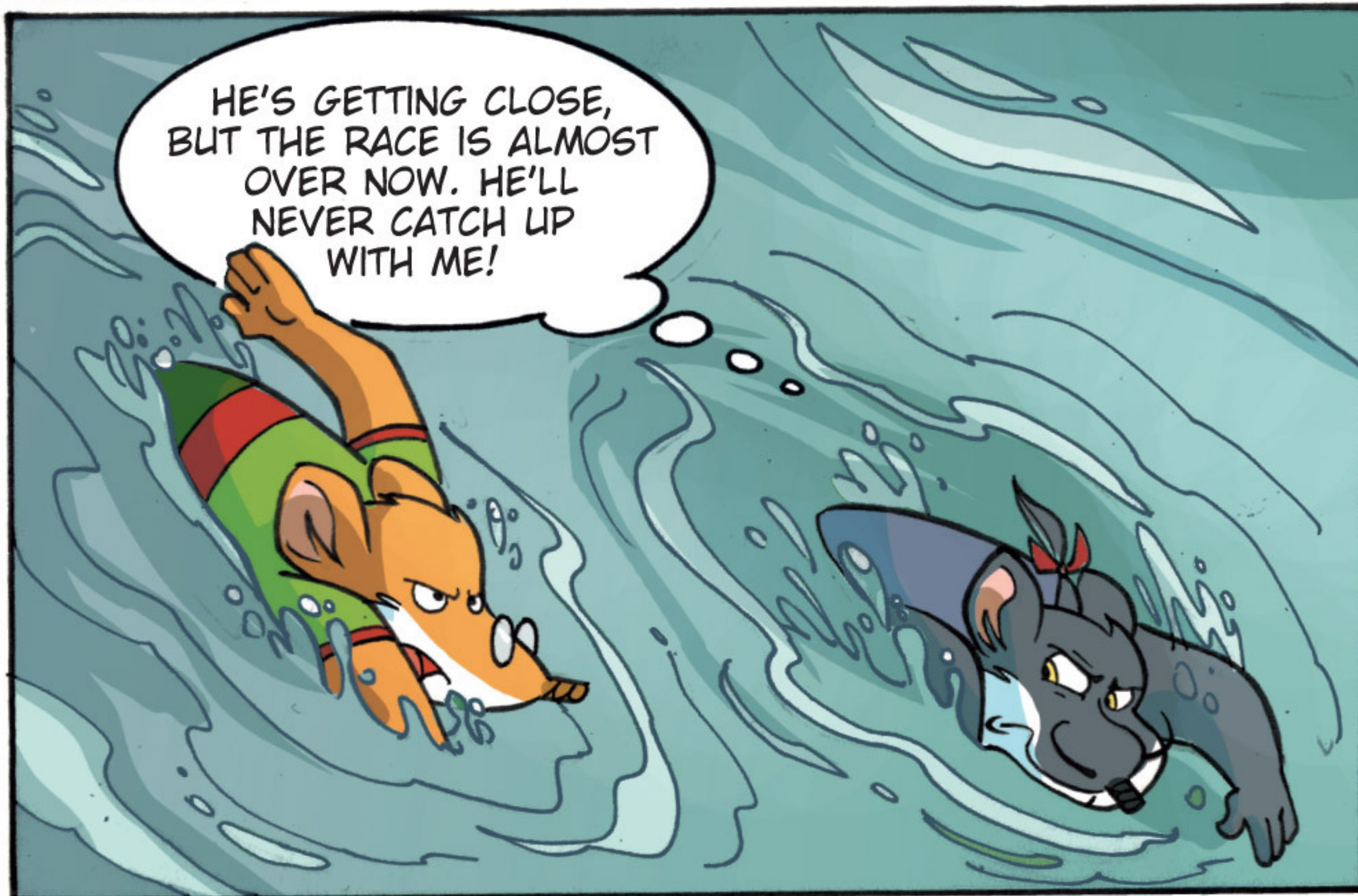


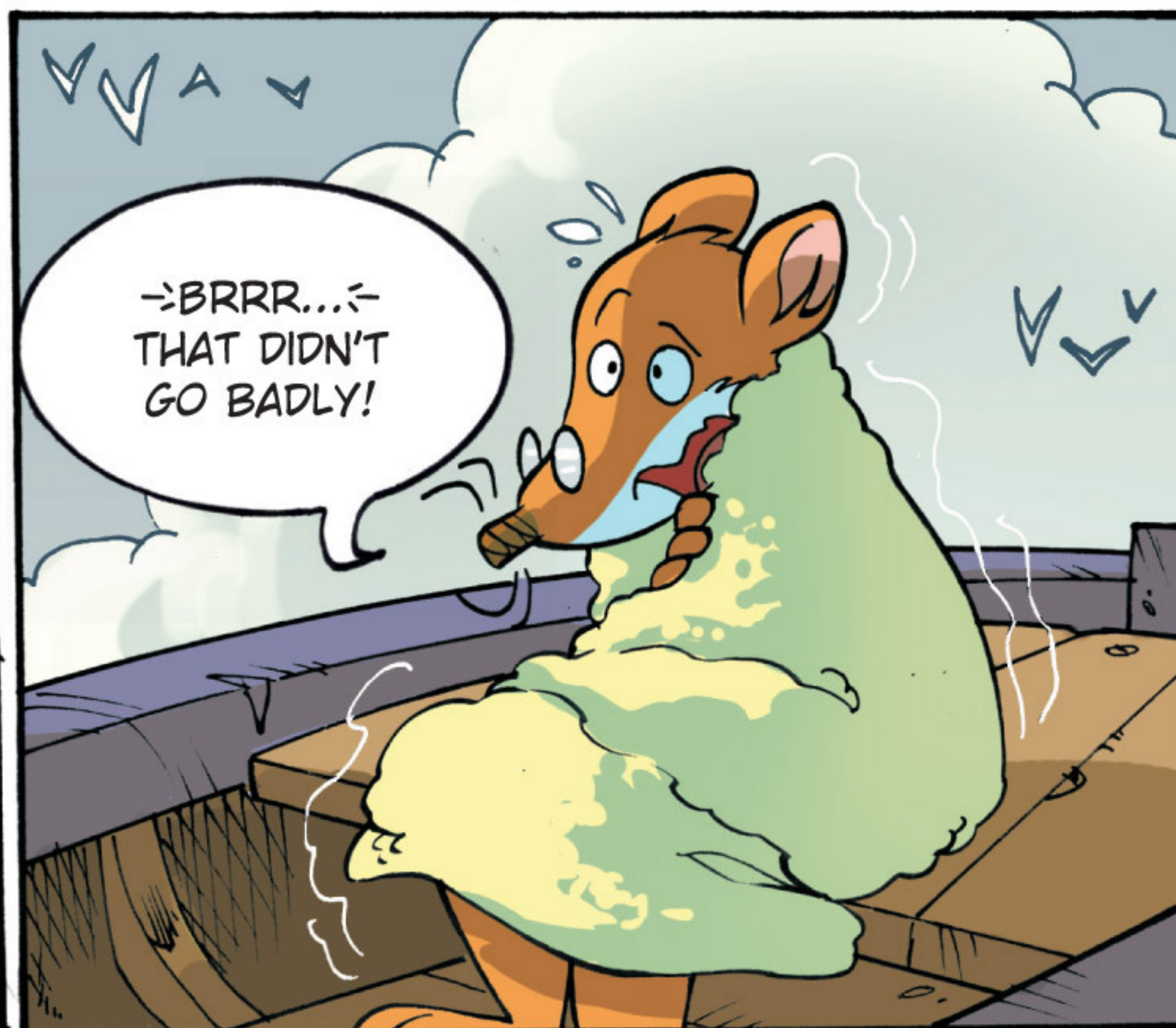
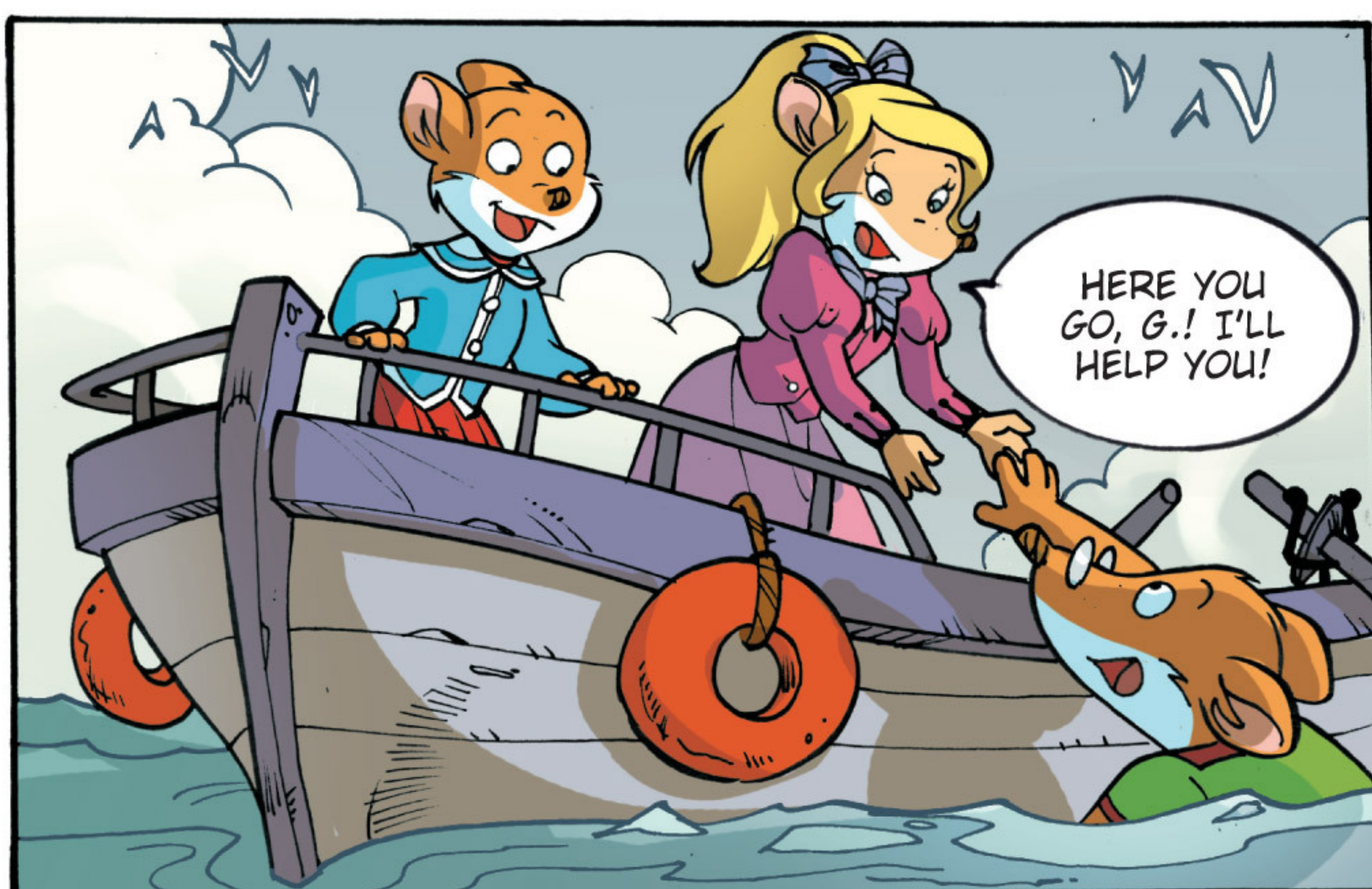
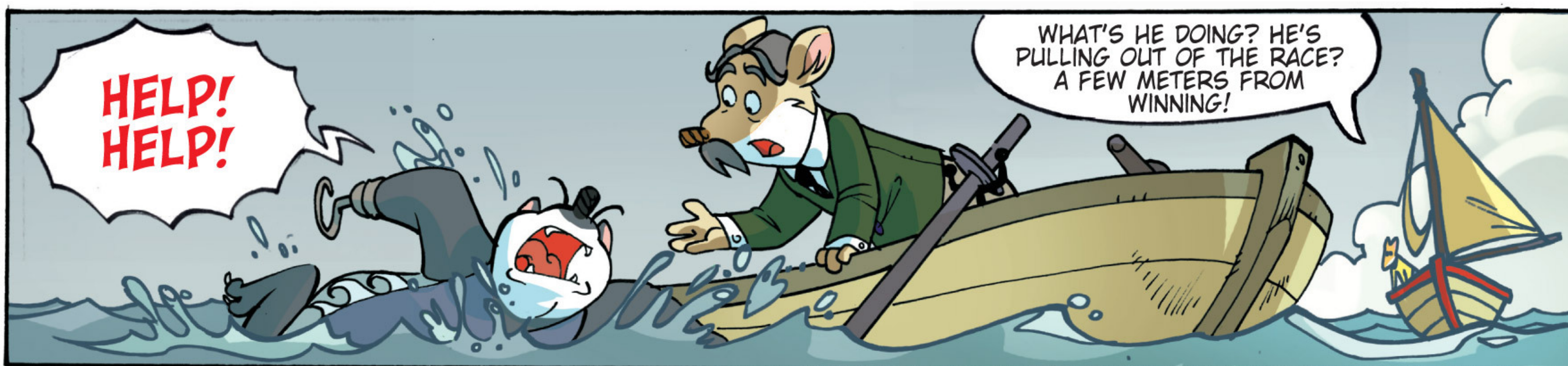


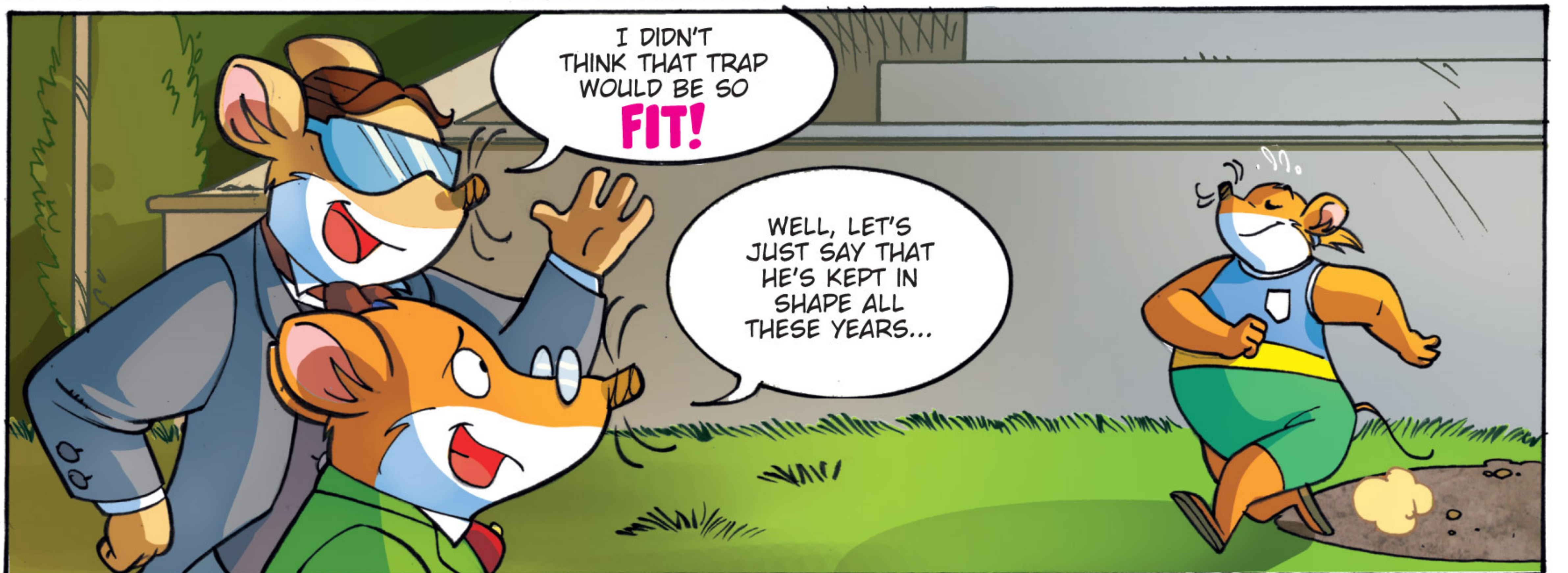
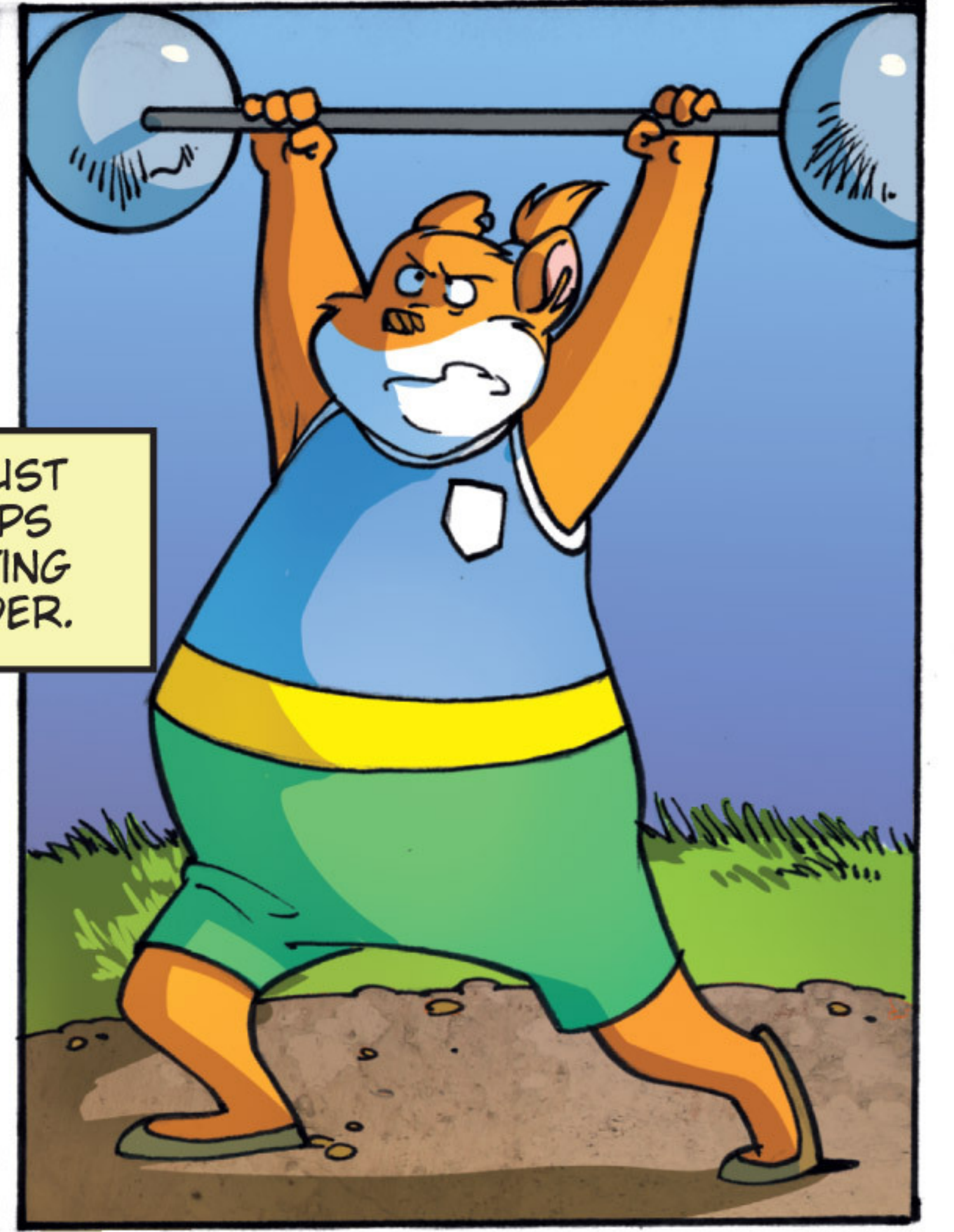
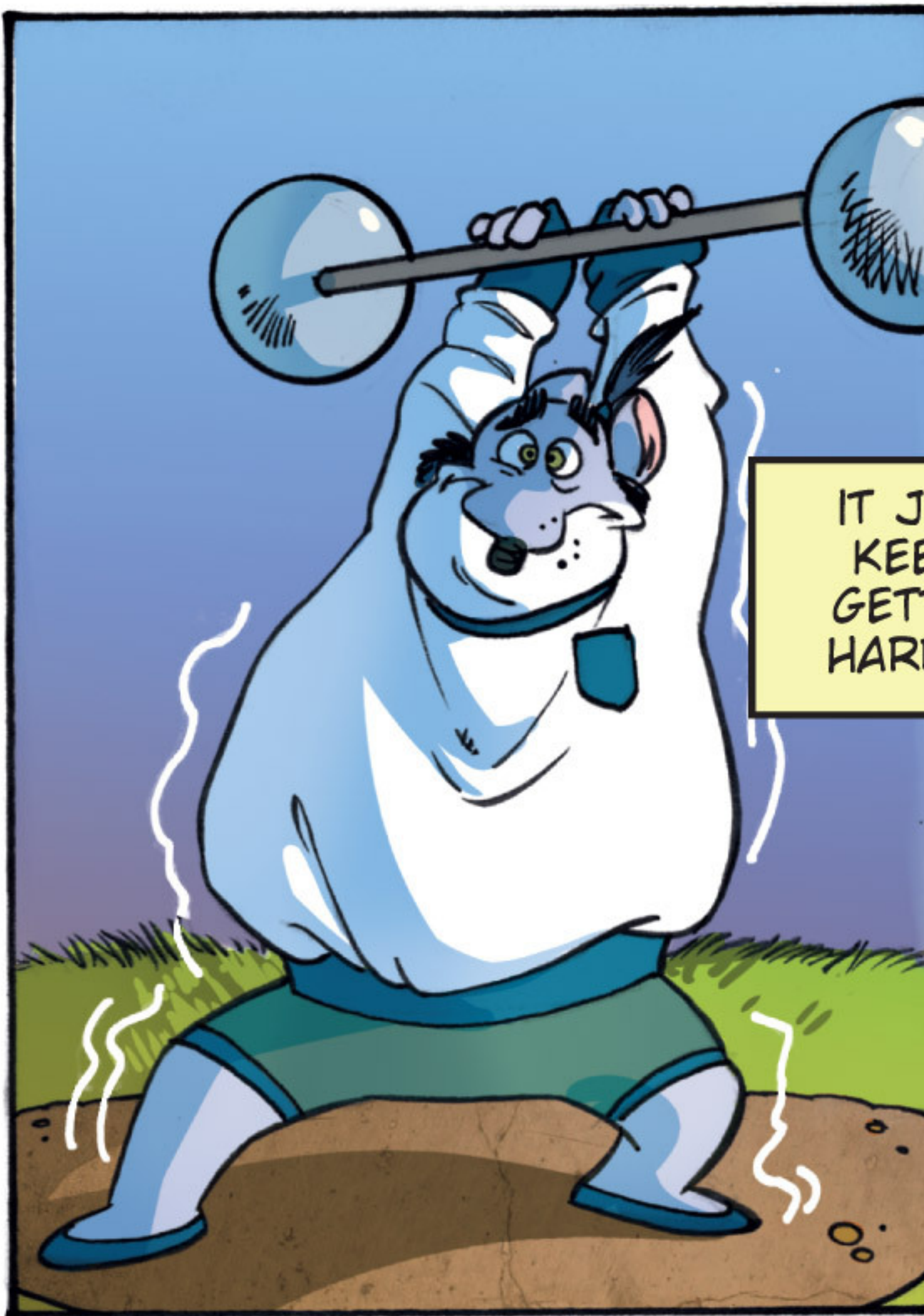
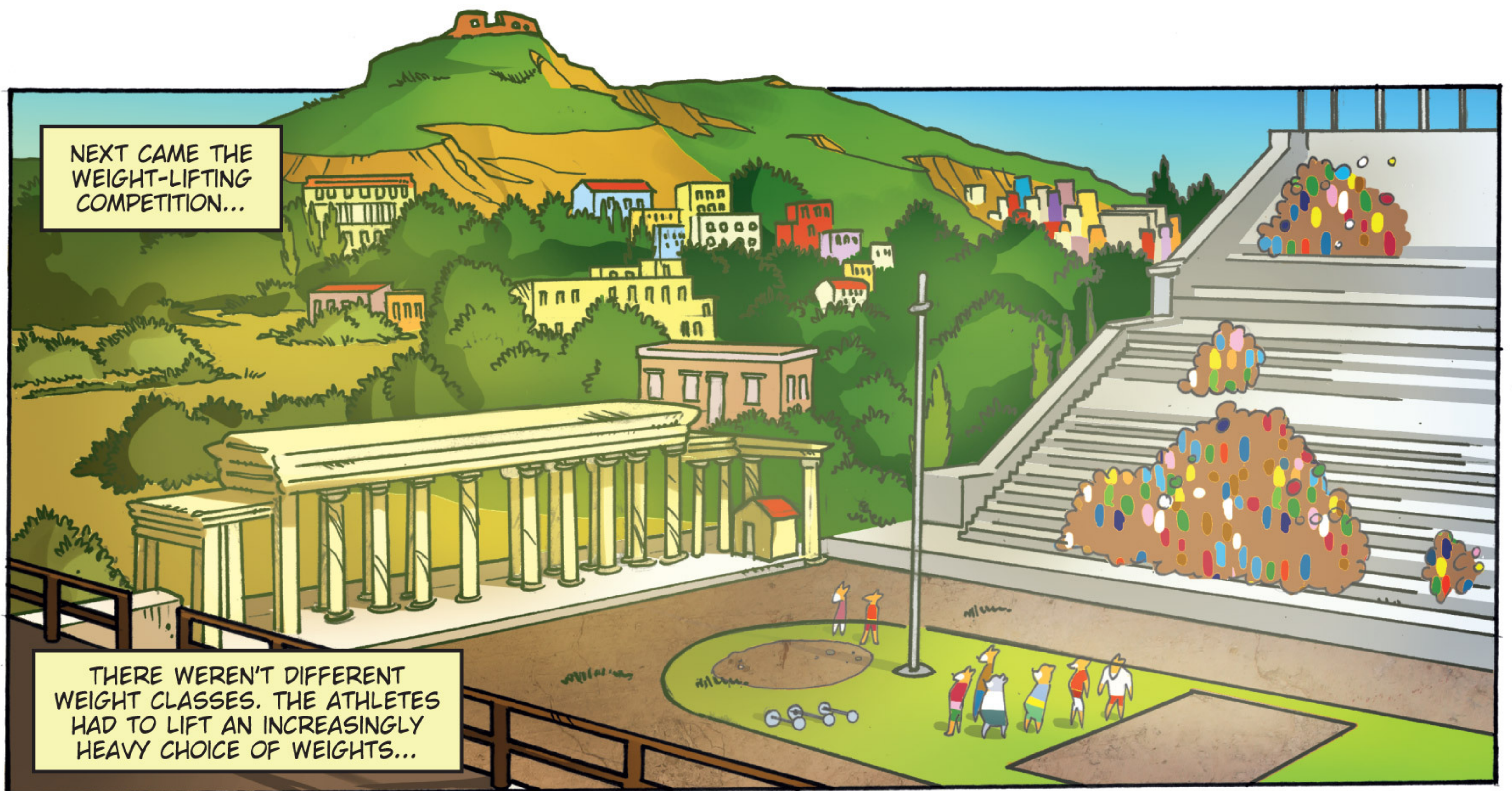


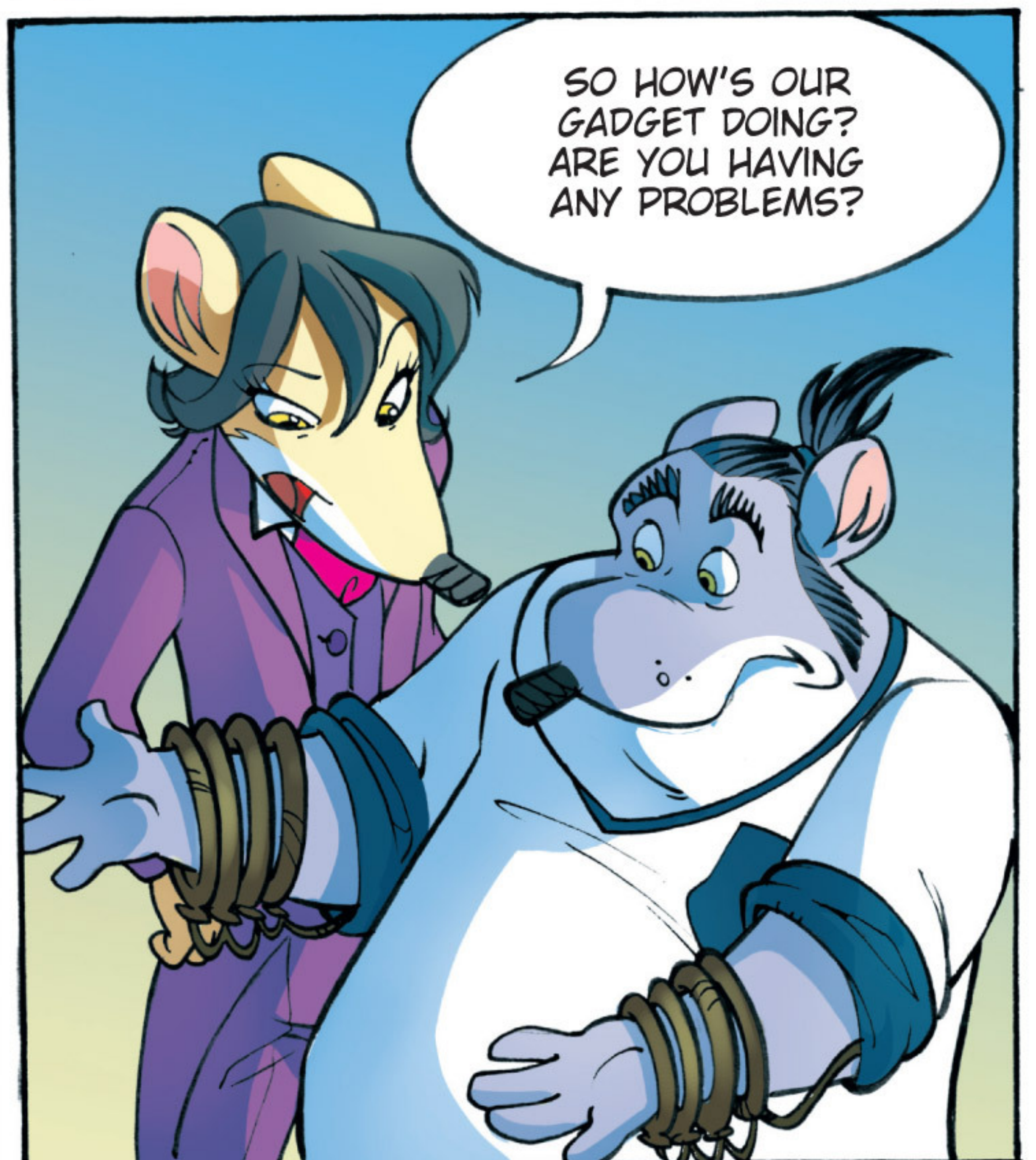


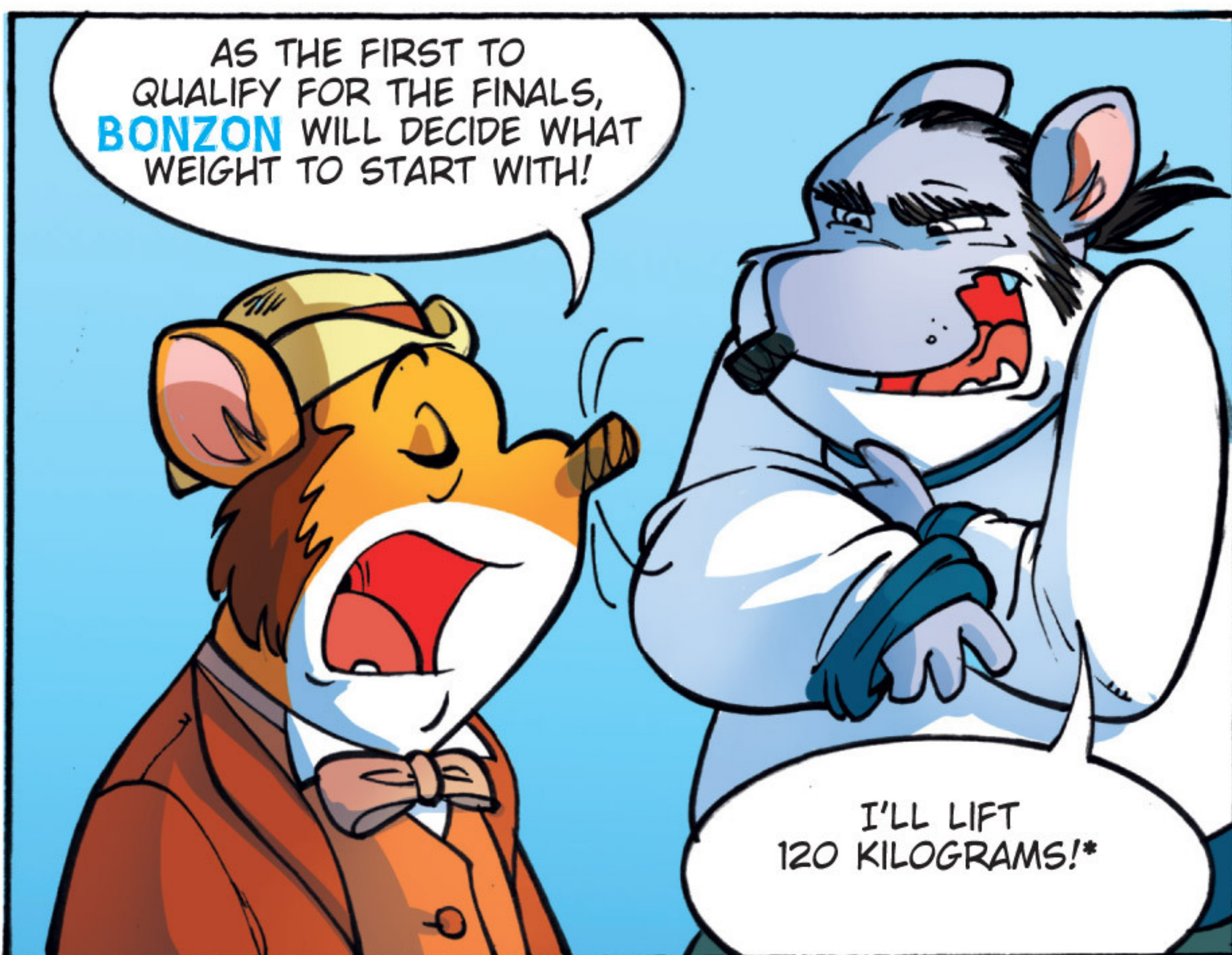
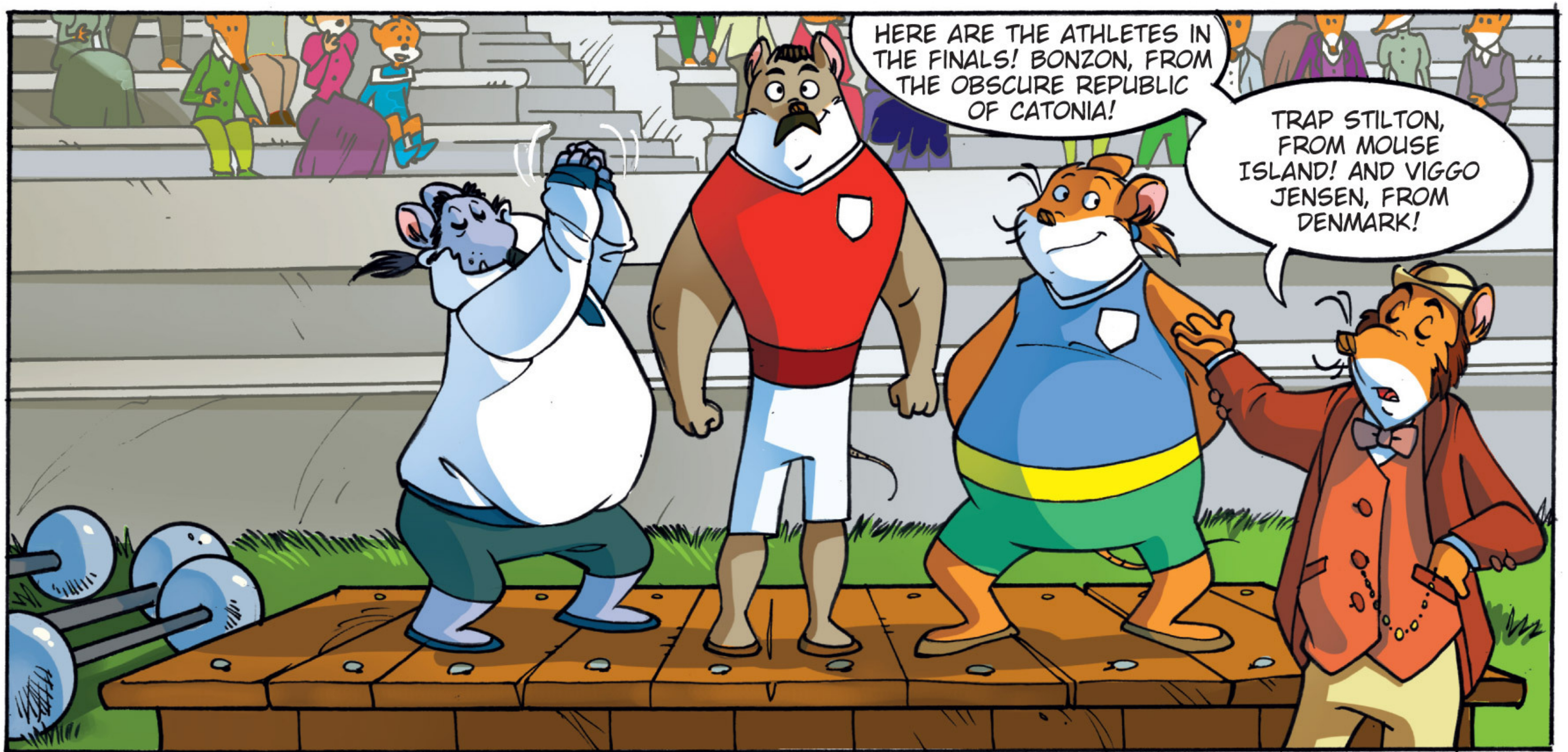




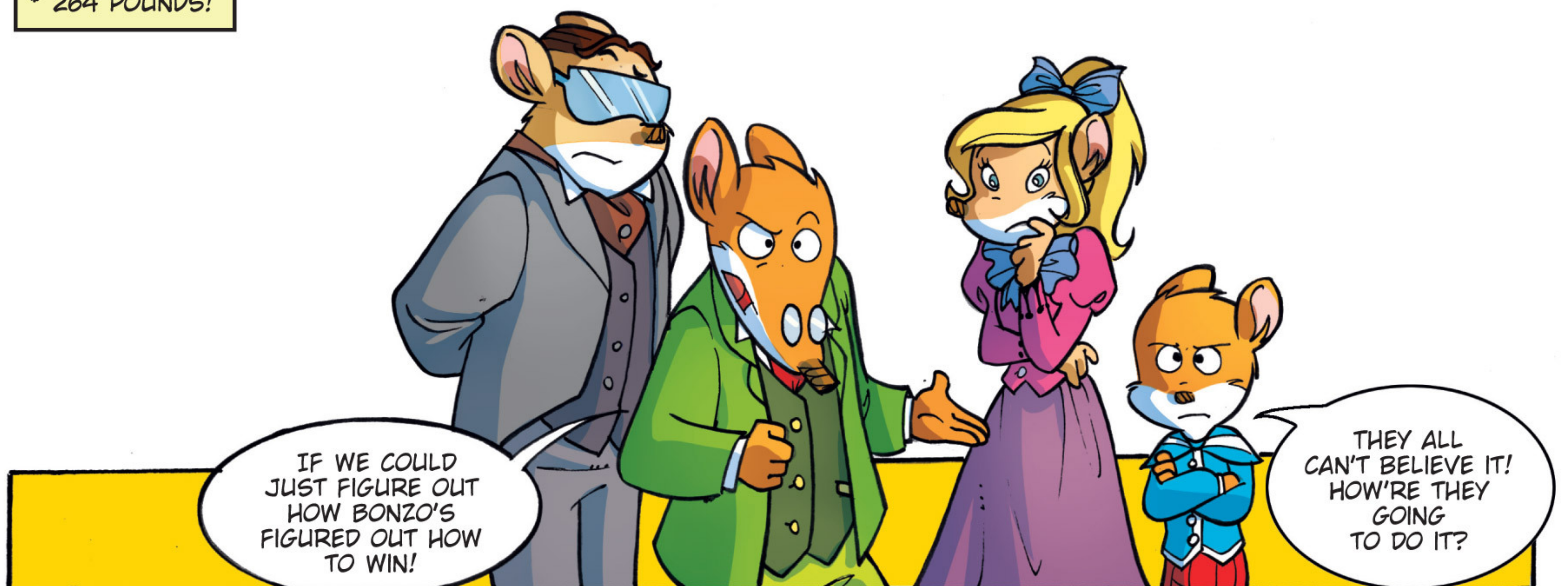


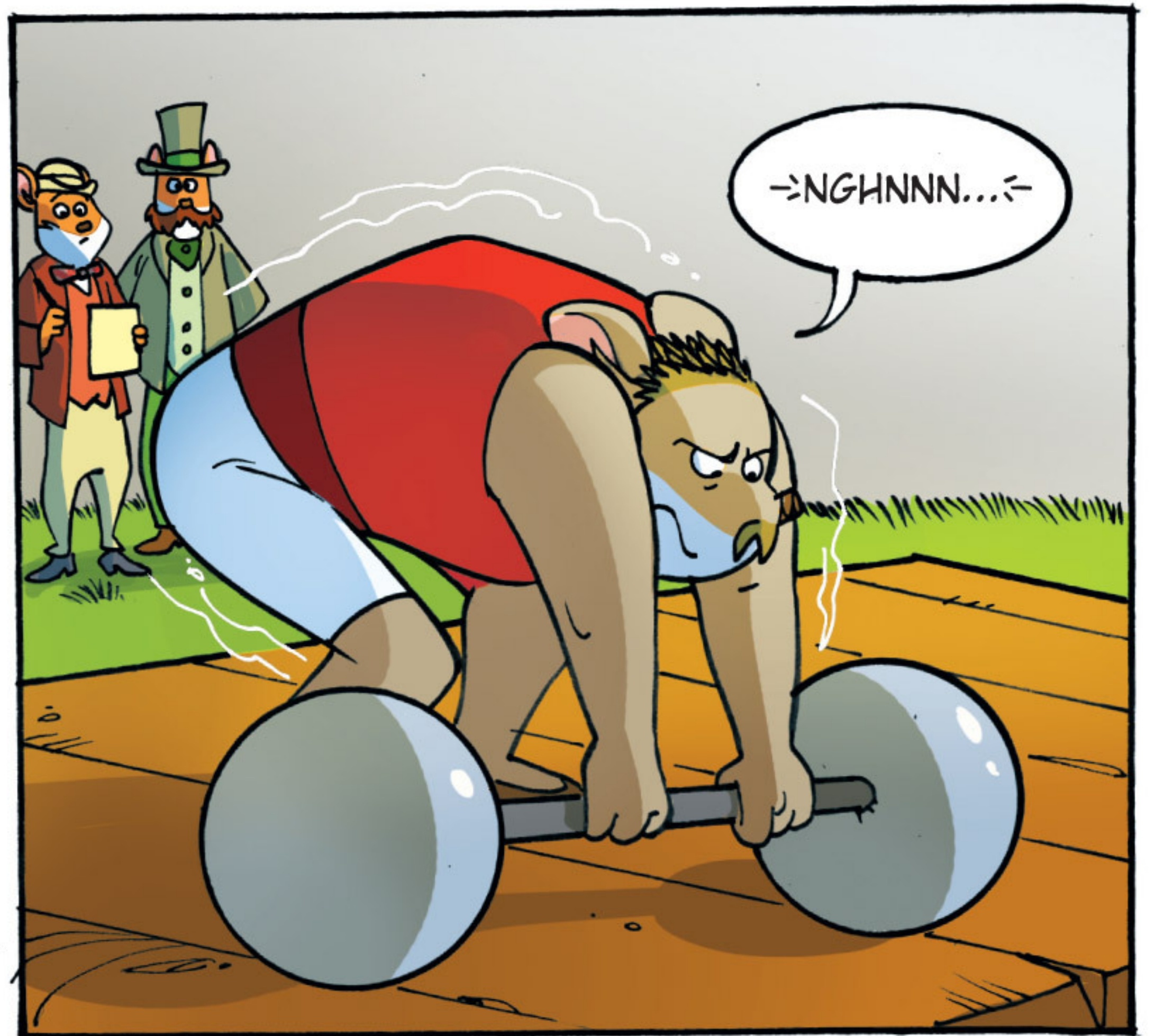


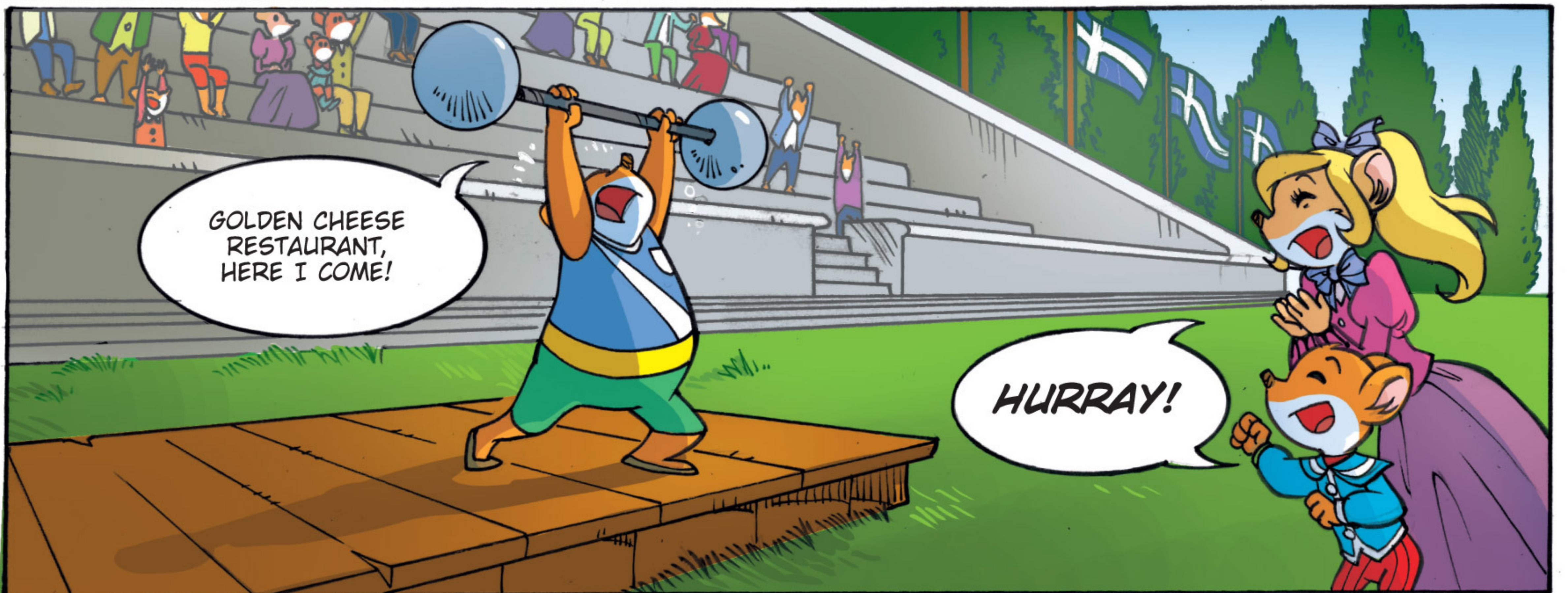
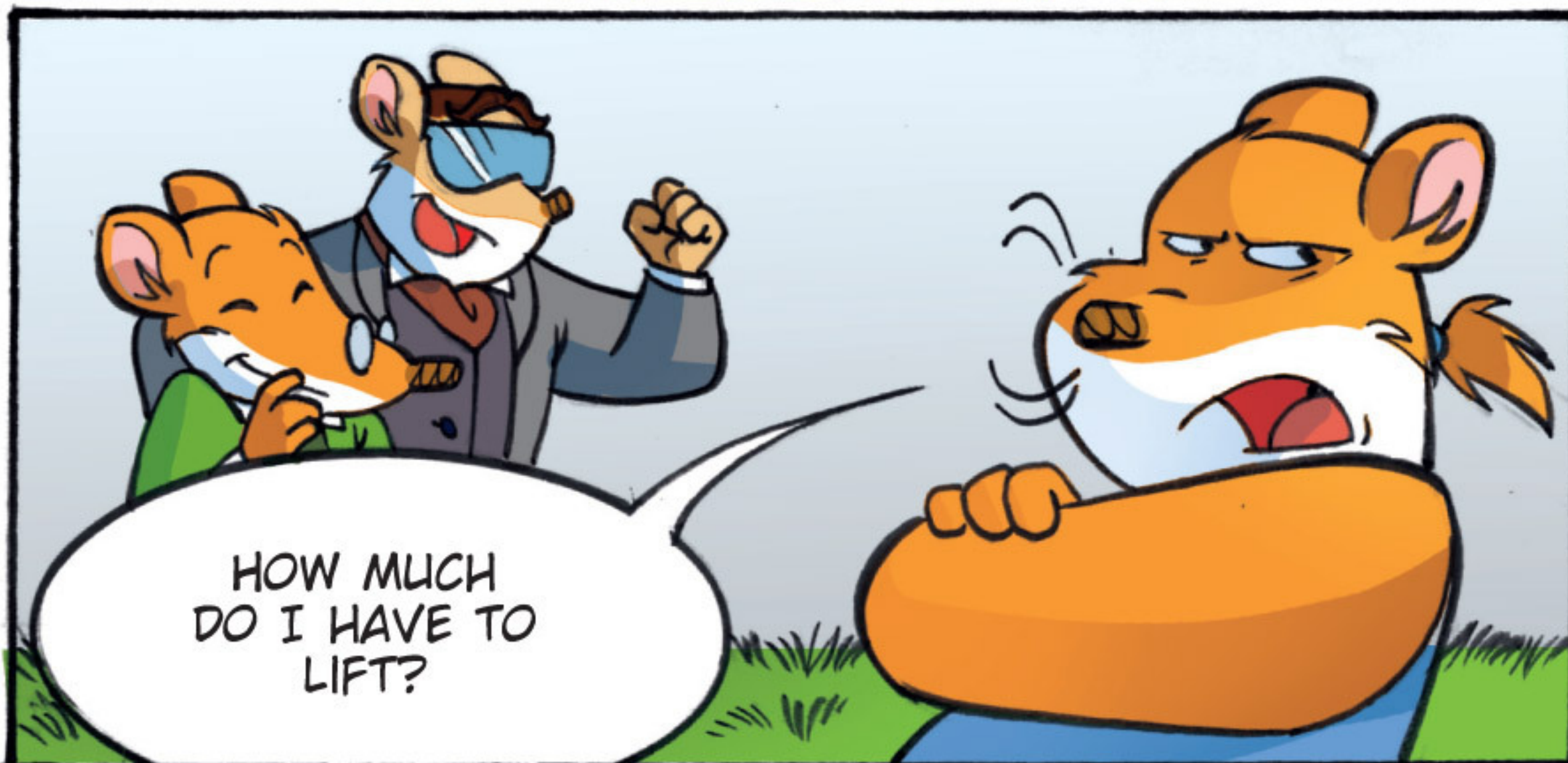


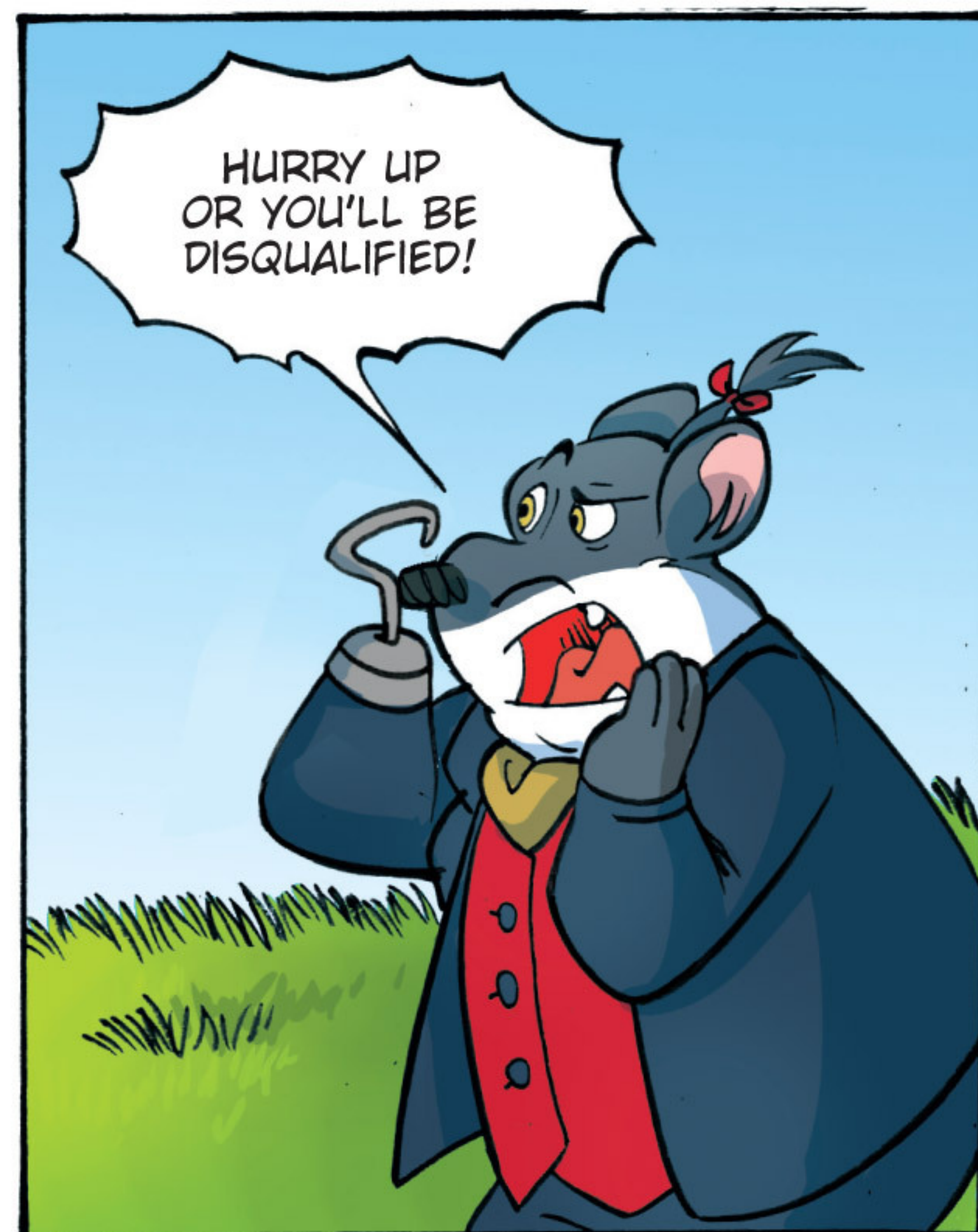


* 264 POUNDS!

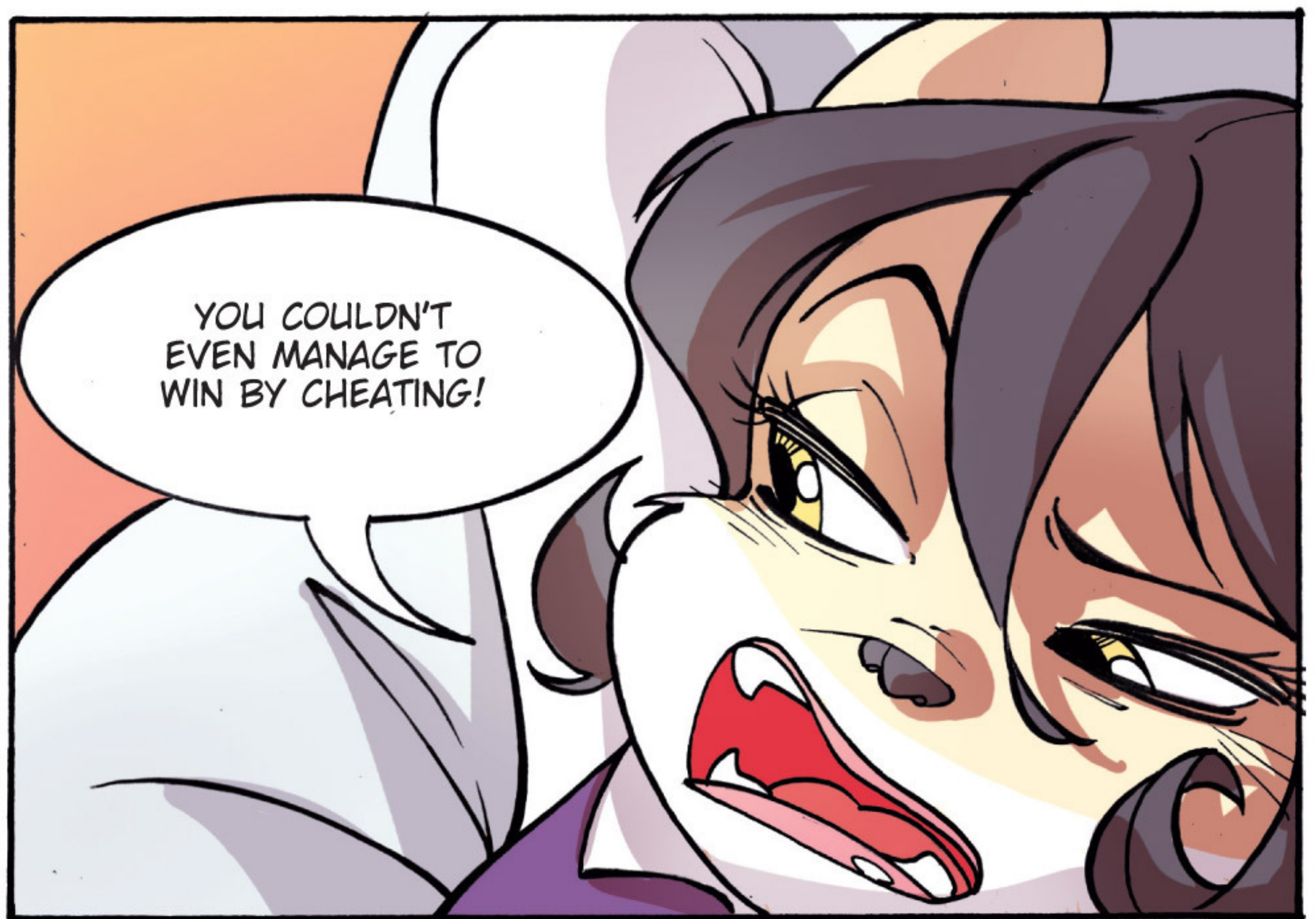
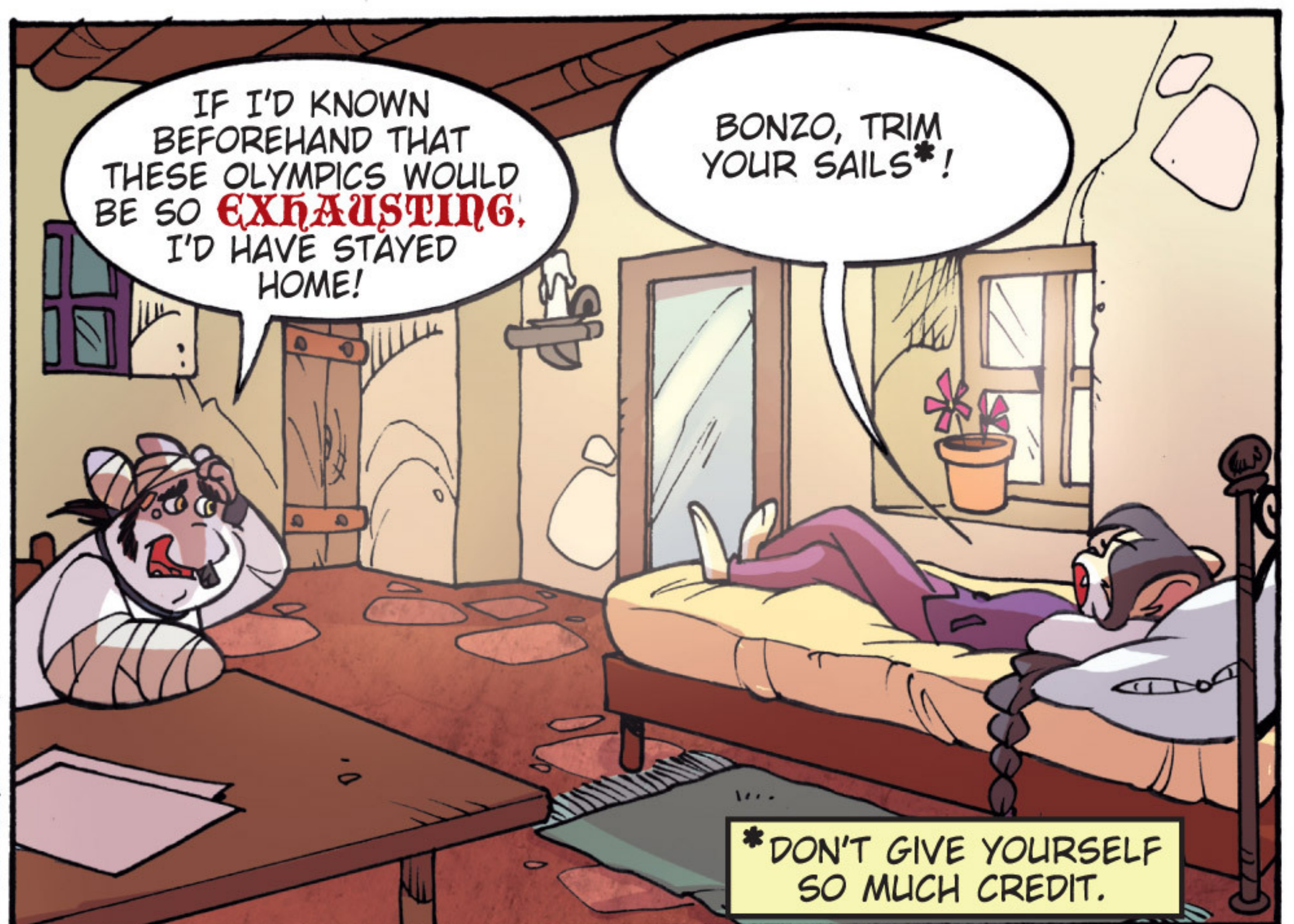


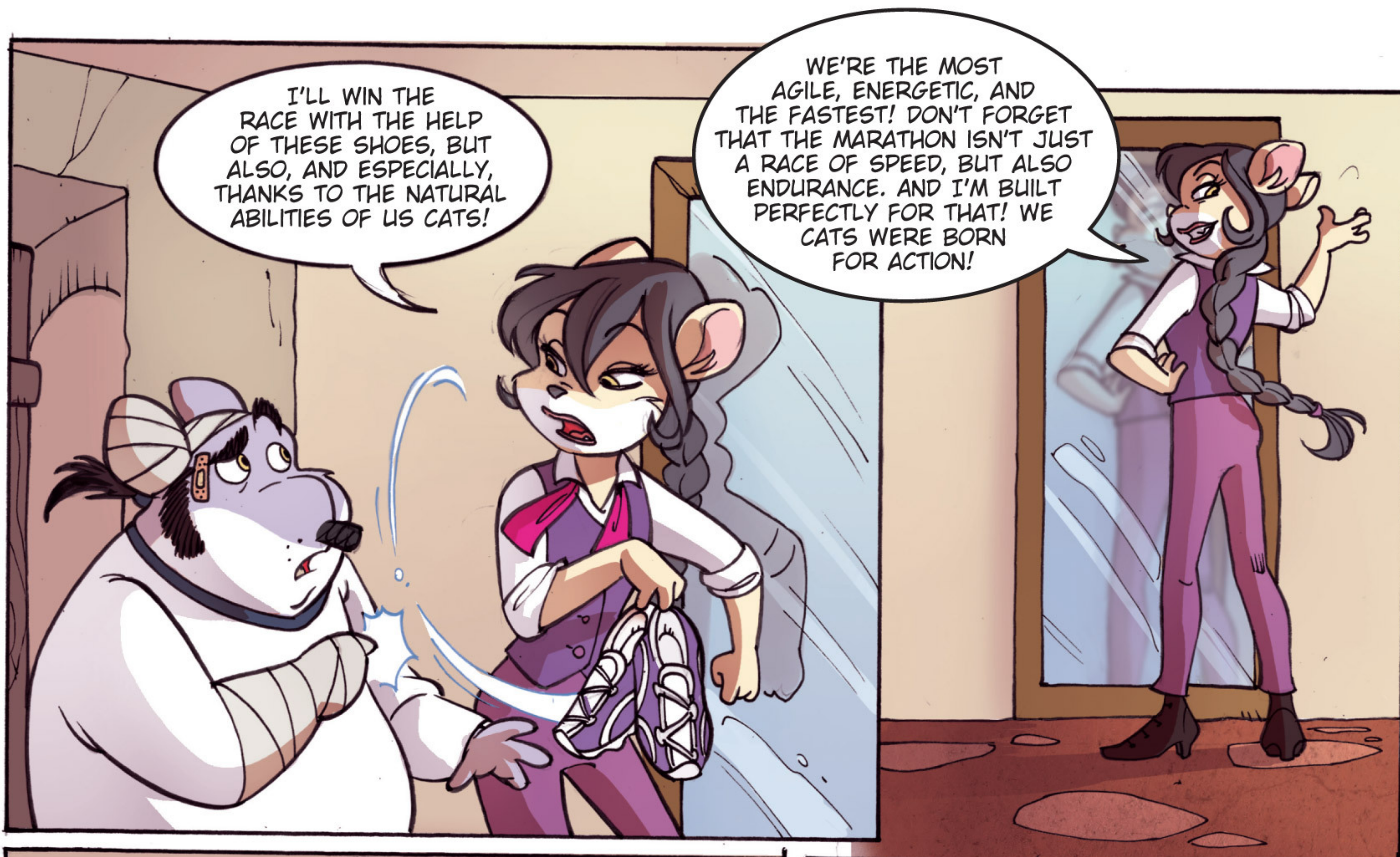




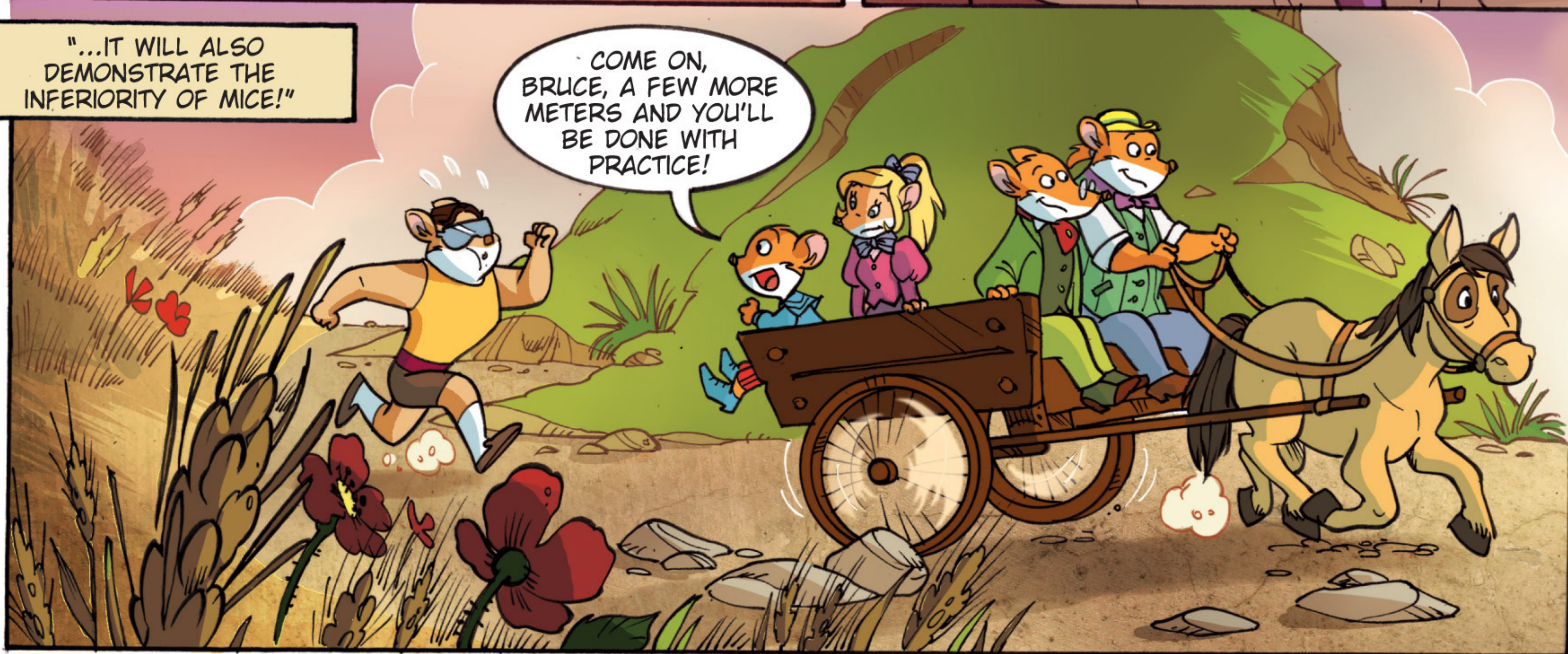


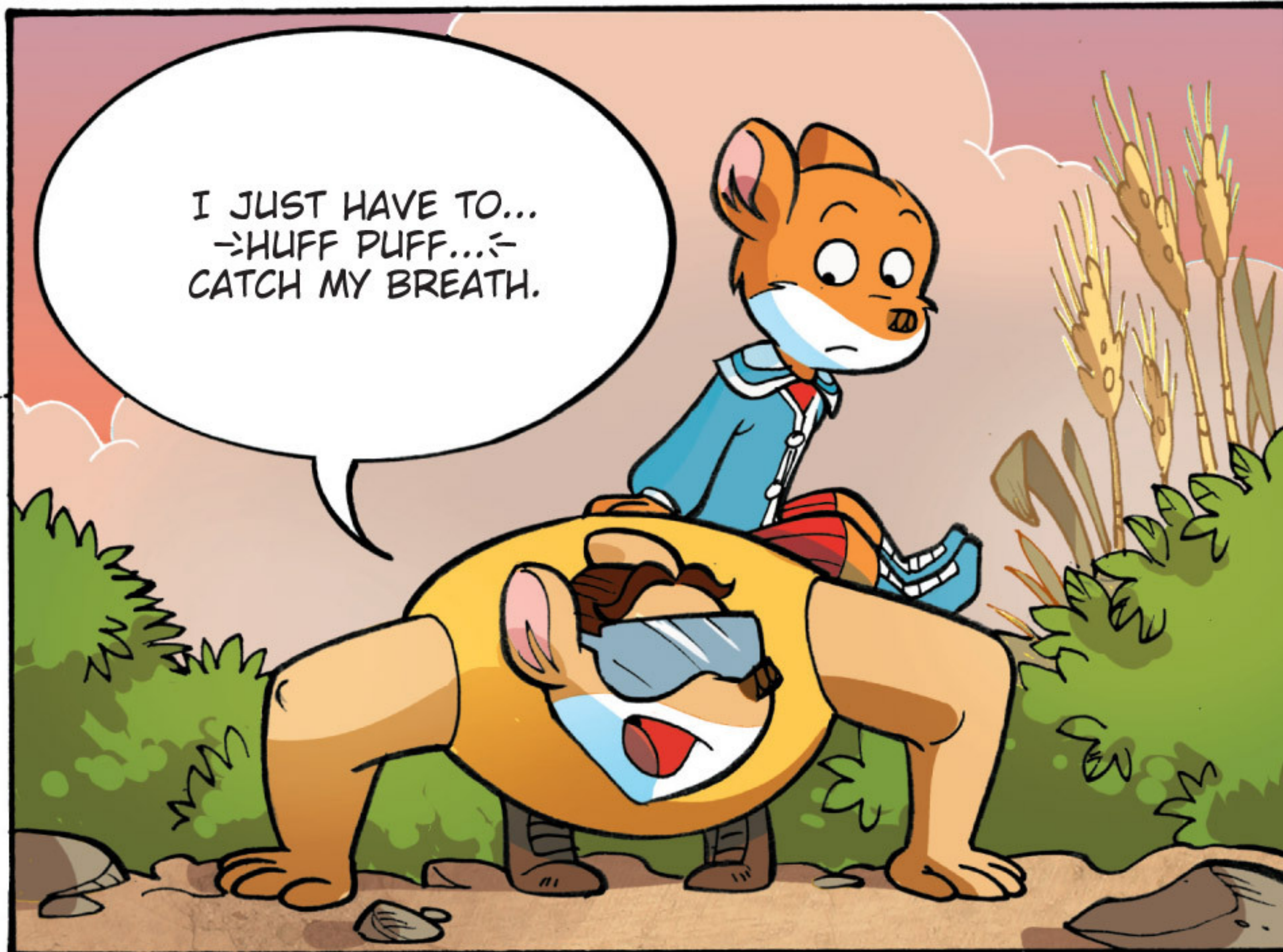
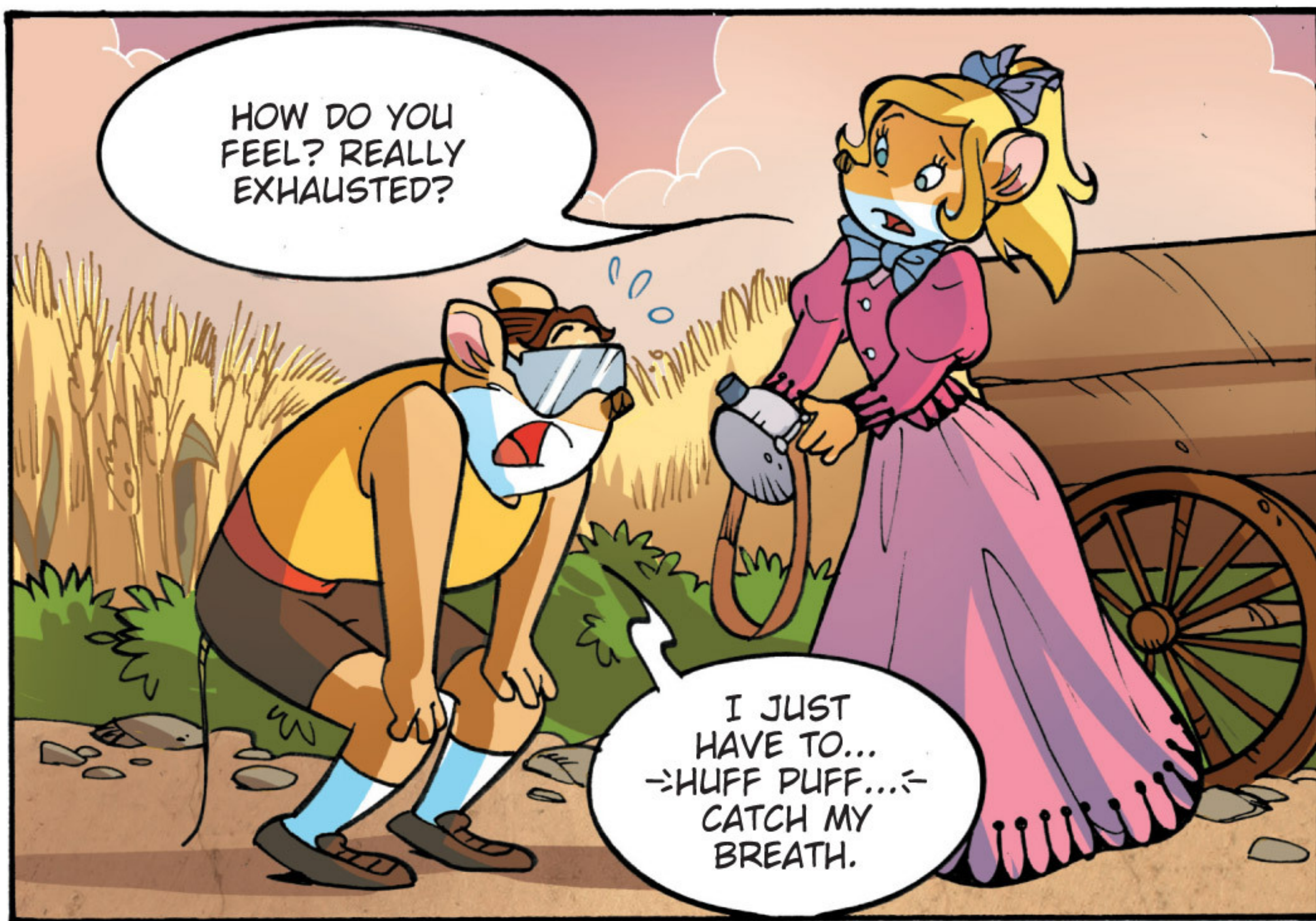






"...IT WILL ALSO DEMONSTRATE THE INFERIORITY OF MICE!"





HISTORICAL NOTE: THE MARATHON

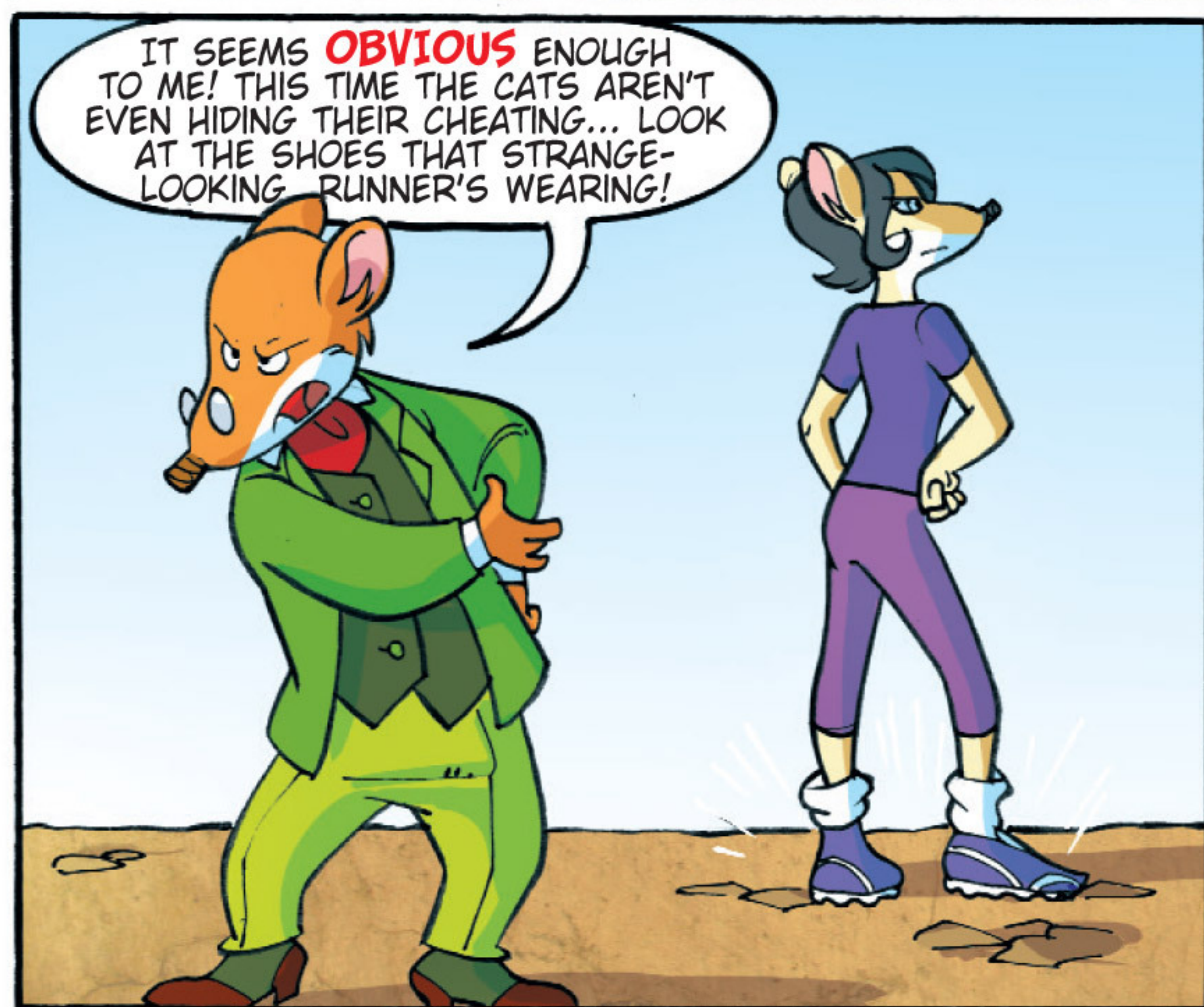
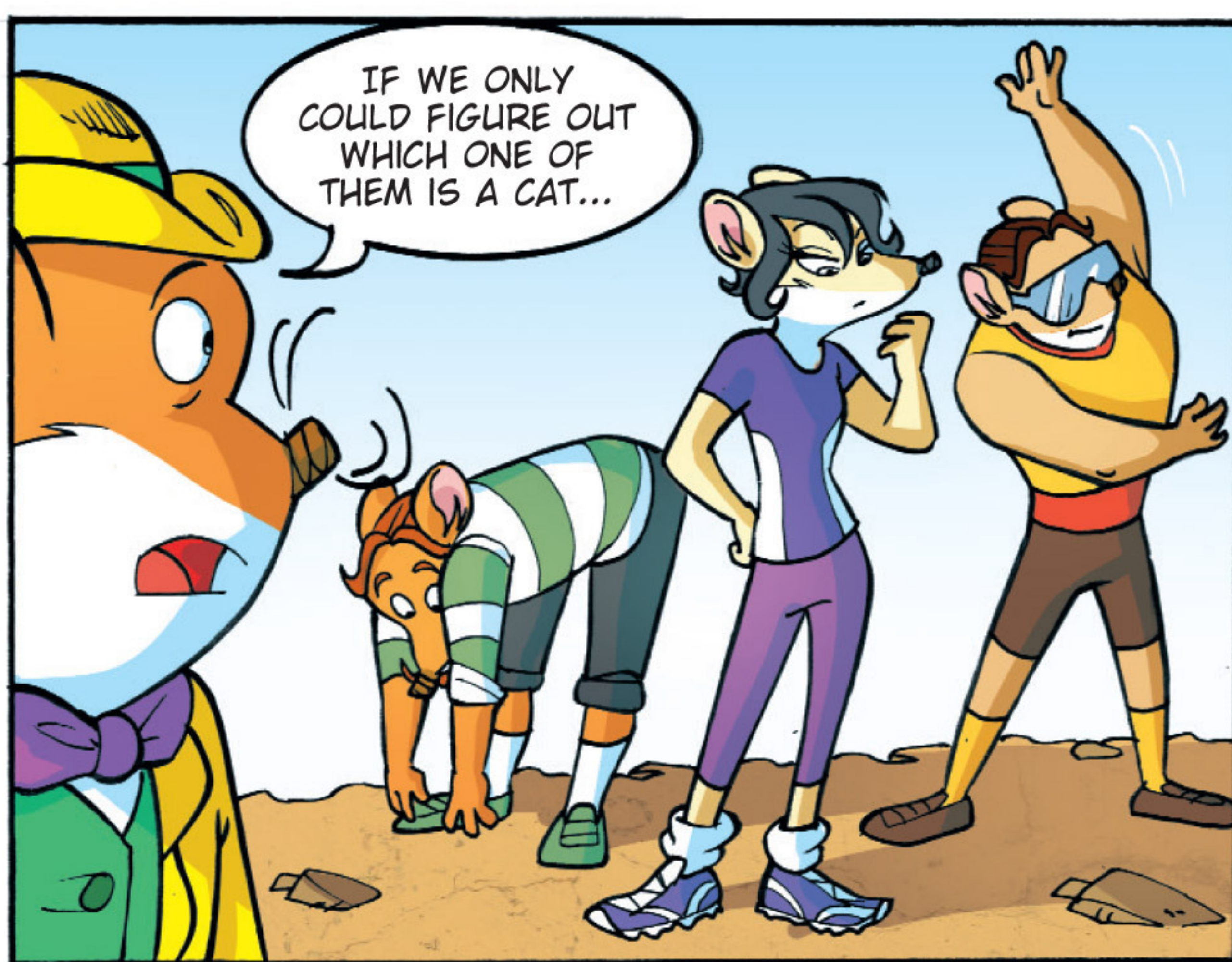
THE MARATHON IS A LONG-DISTANCE RACE OF ABOUT 42 KILOMETERS. IT'S AN ATHLETIC COMMEMORATION OF AN EPIC EVENT: PHEIDIPIIDES'S RUN FROM THE CITY OF MARATHON TO THE ACROPOLIS IN ATHENA TO ANNOUNCE THE VICTORY OVER THE PERSIANS IN 490 B.C.

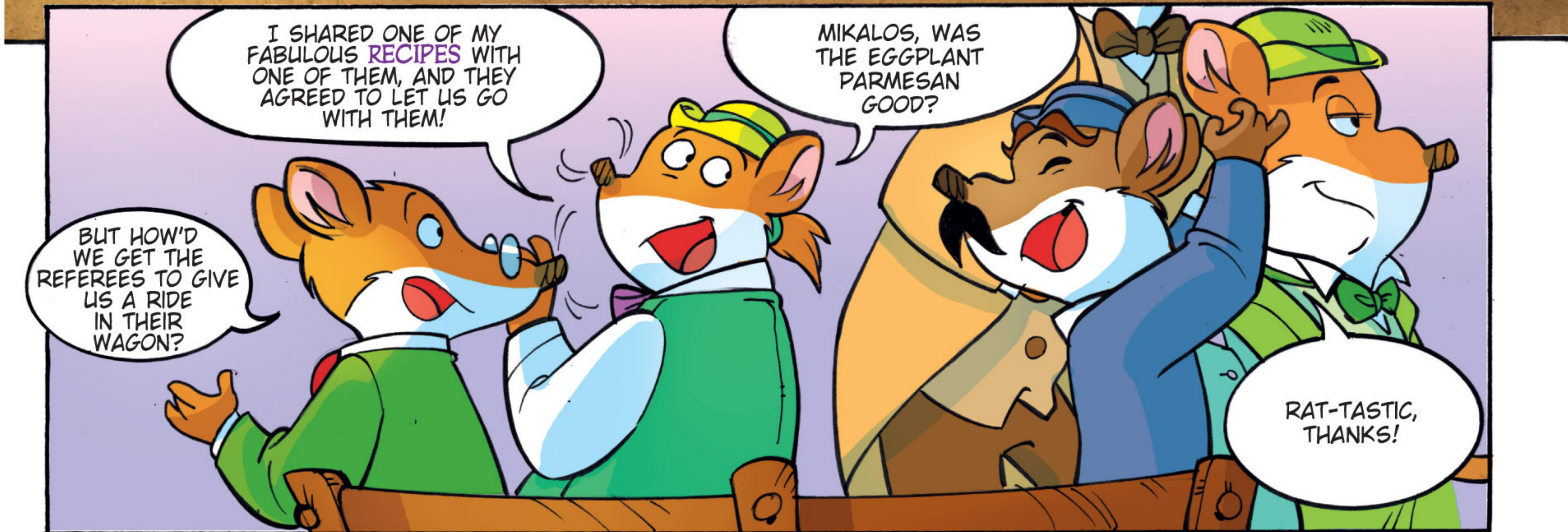
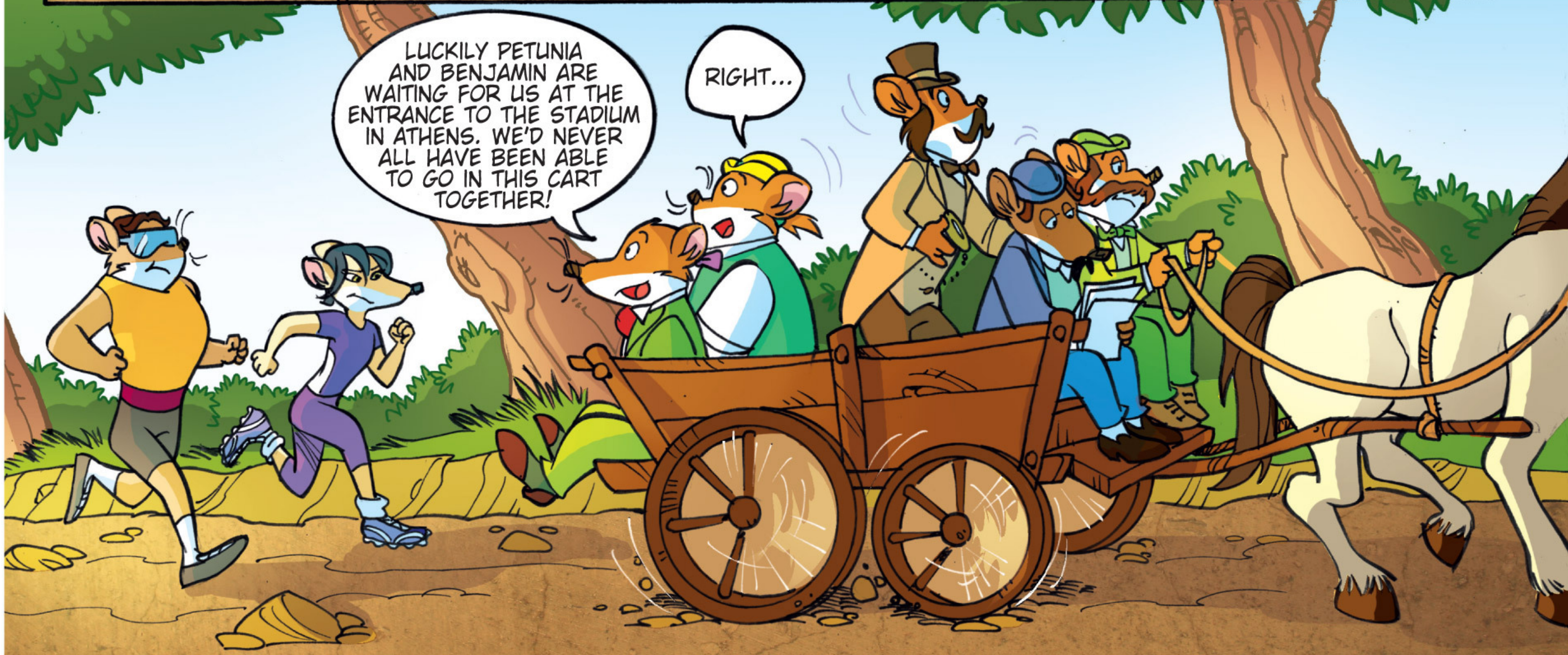
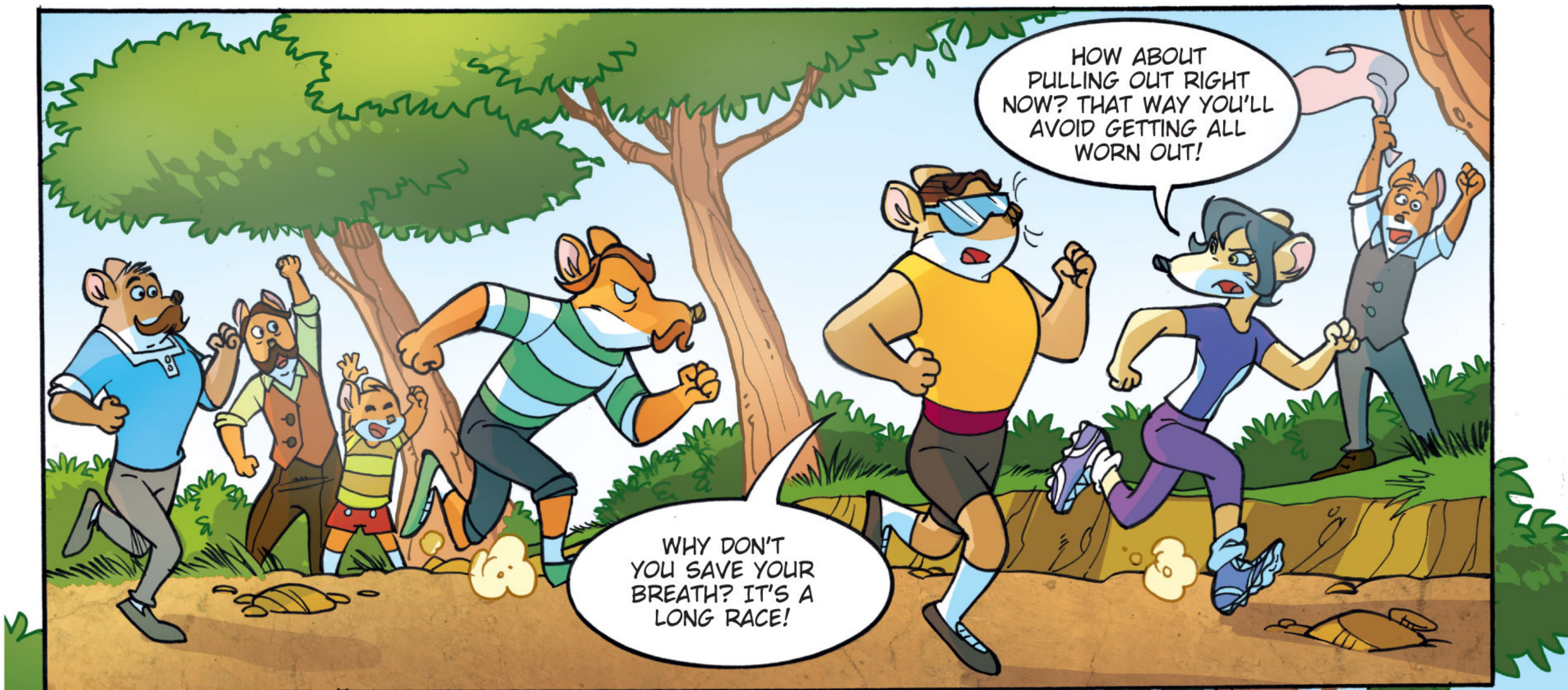


FINALLY, IT WAS THE DAY OF THE
MARATHON... APRIL 10, 1896...

GET READY, IT'S
ALMOST TIME!

BUT NOT ALL
THE RUNNERS
ARE HERE...

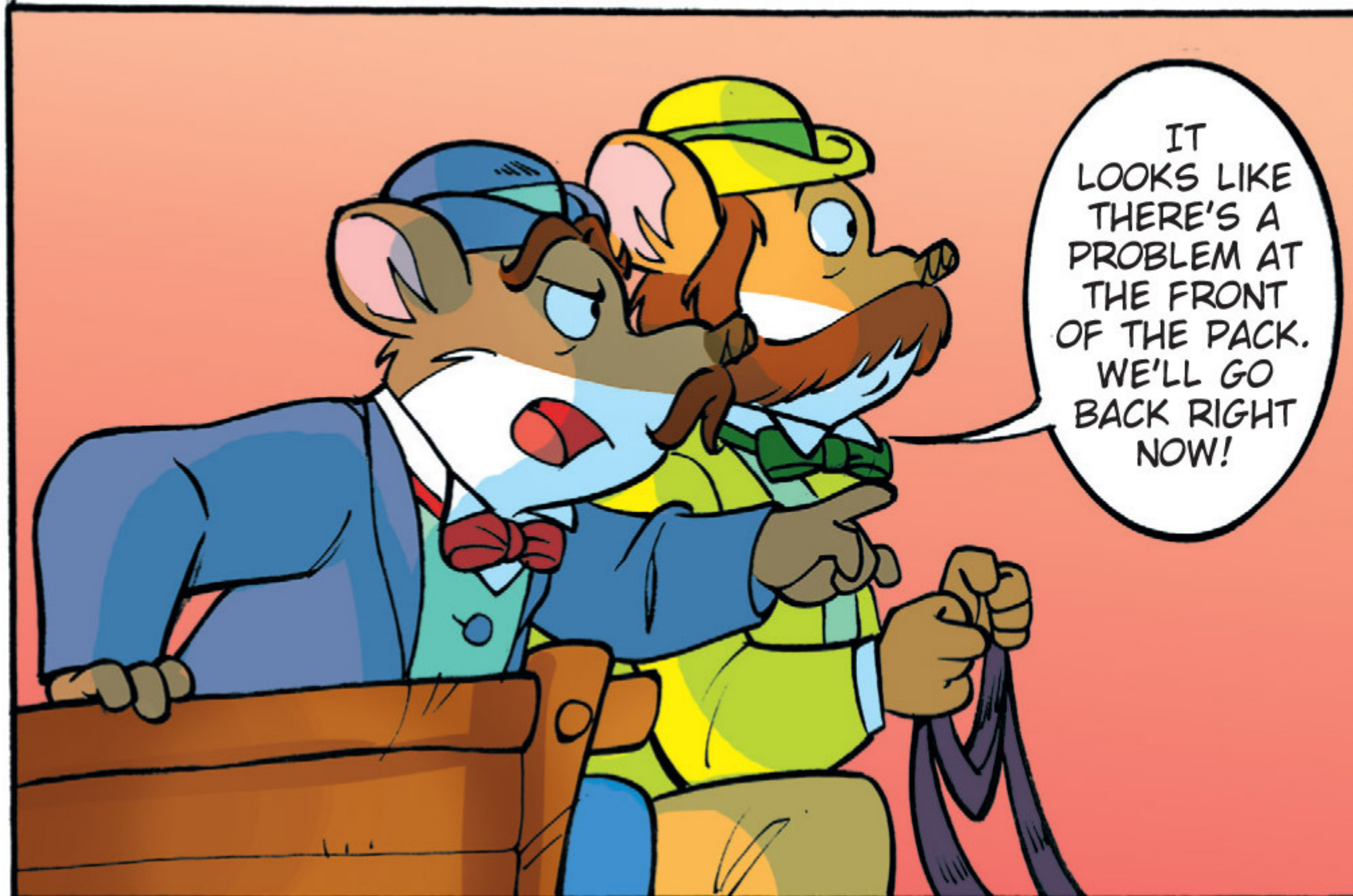




WHILE AT THE
10TH KILOMETER MARK...

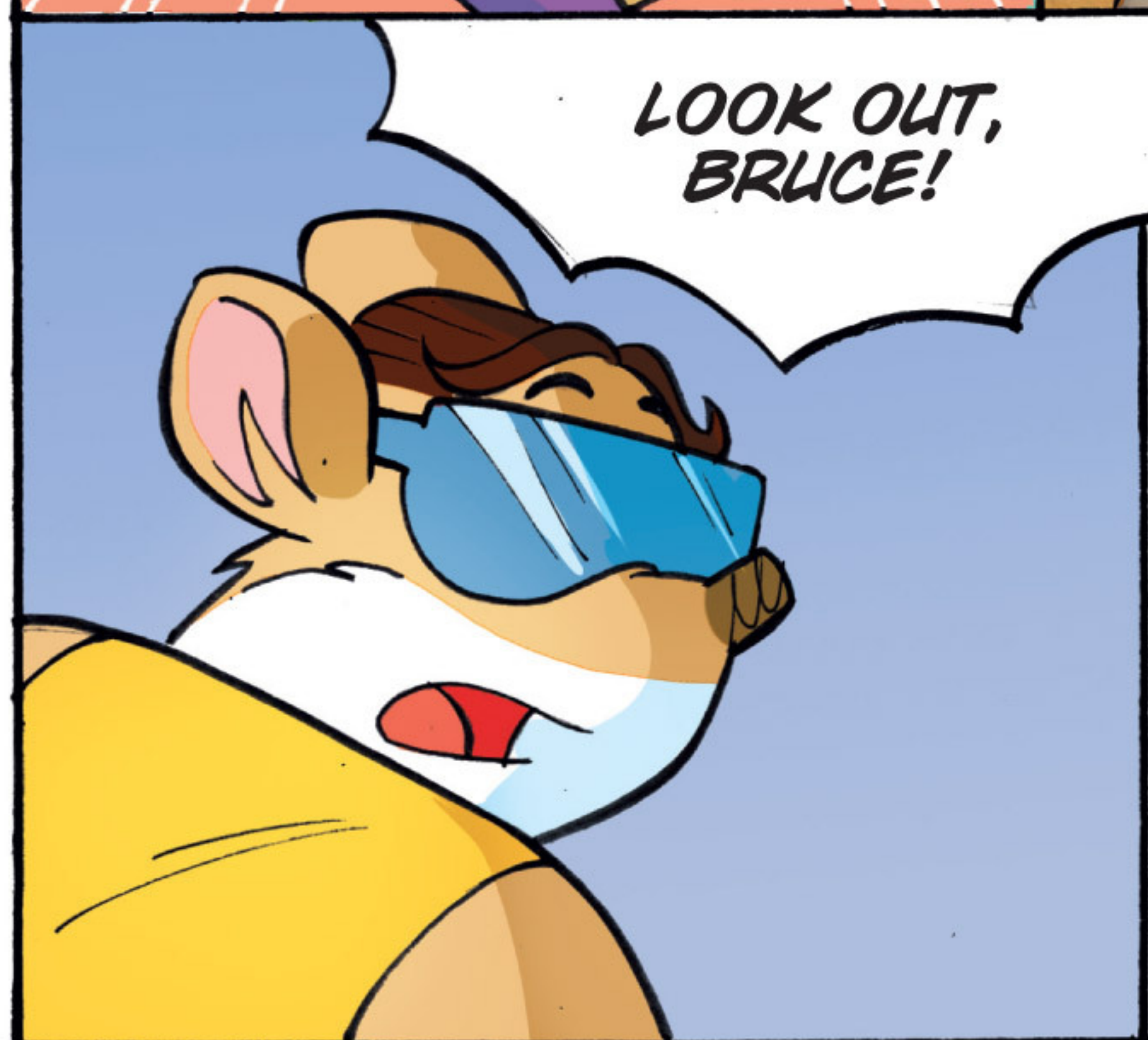
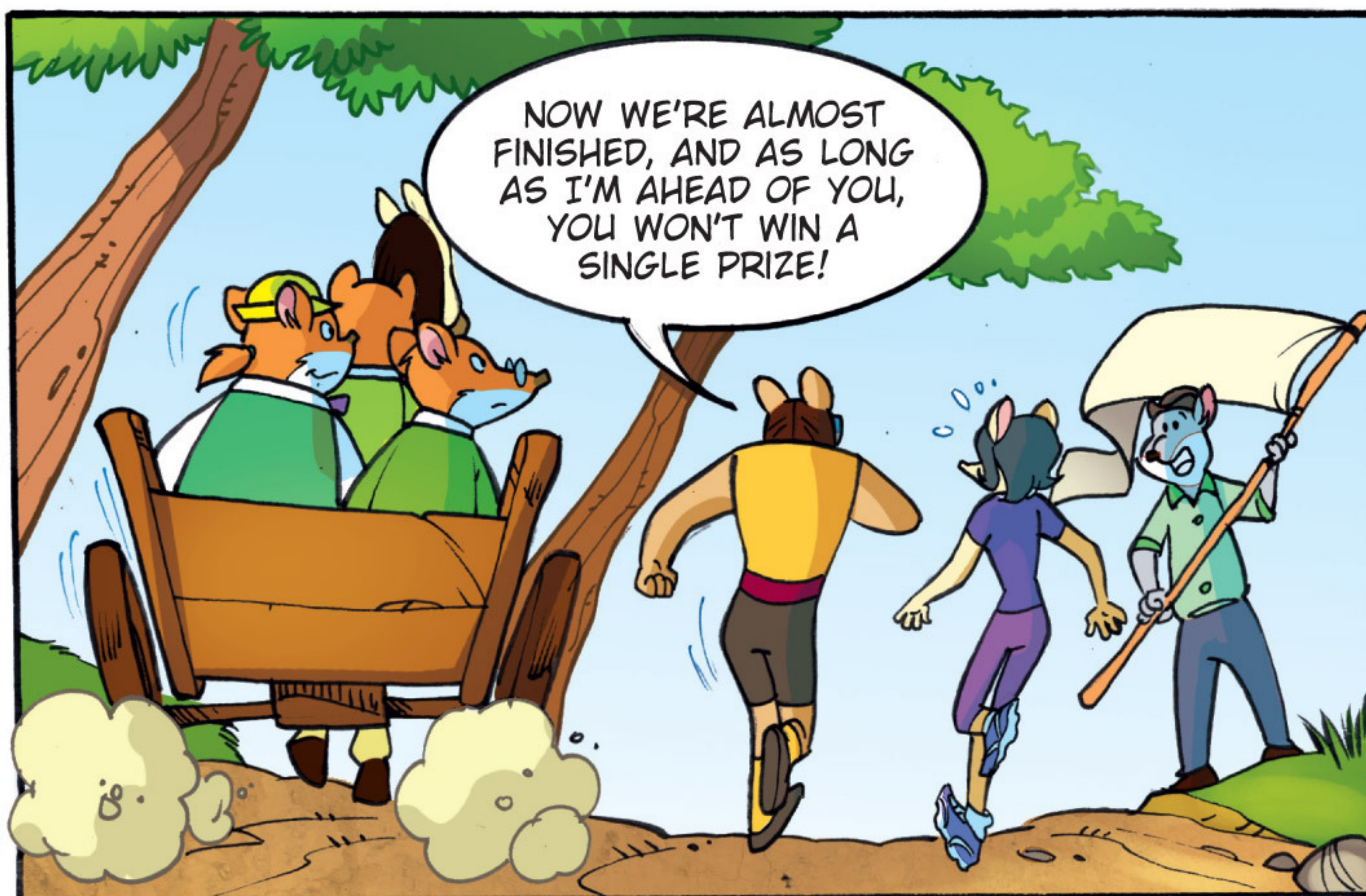
HOW'S
IT GOING,
BRUCE?

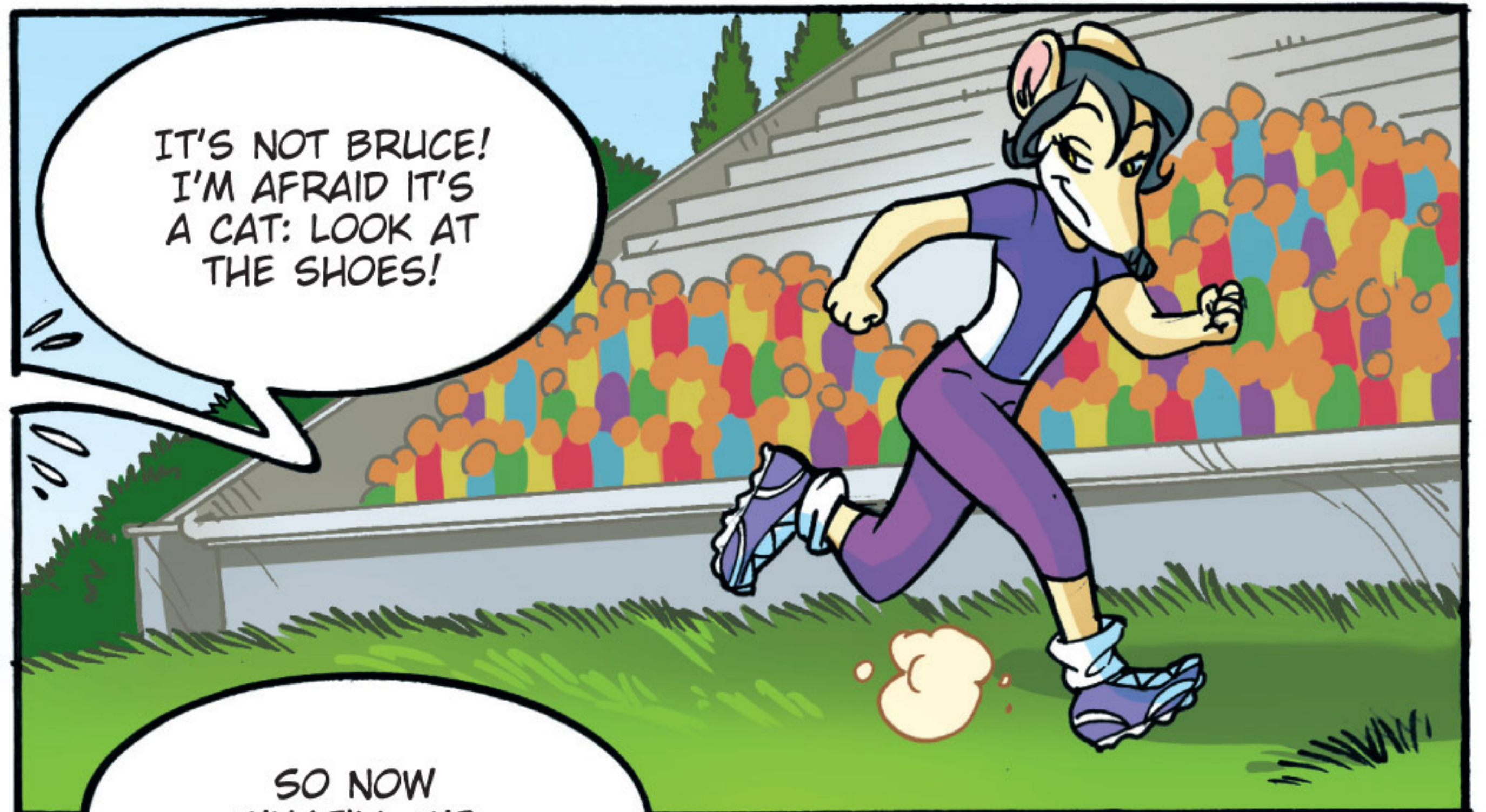
IT'S GOING
WELL, BUT DON'T
ASK ME EVERY
5 MINUTES!



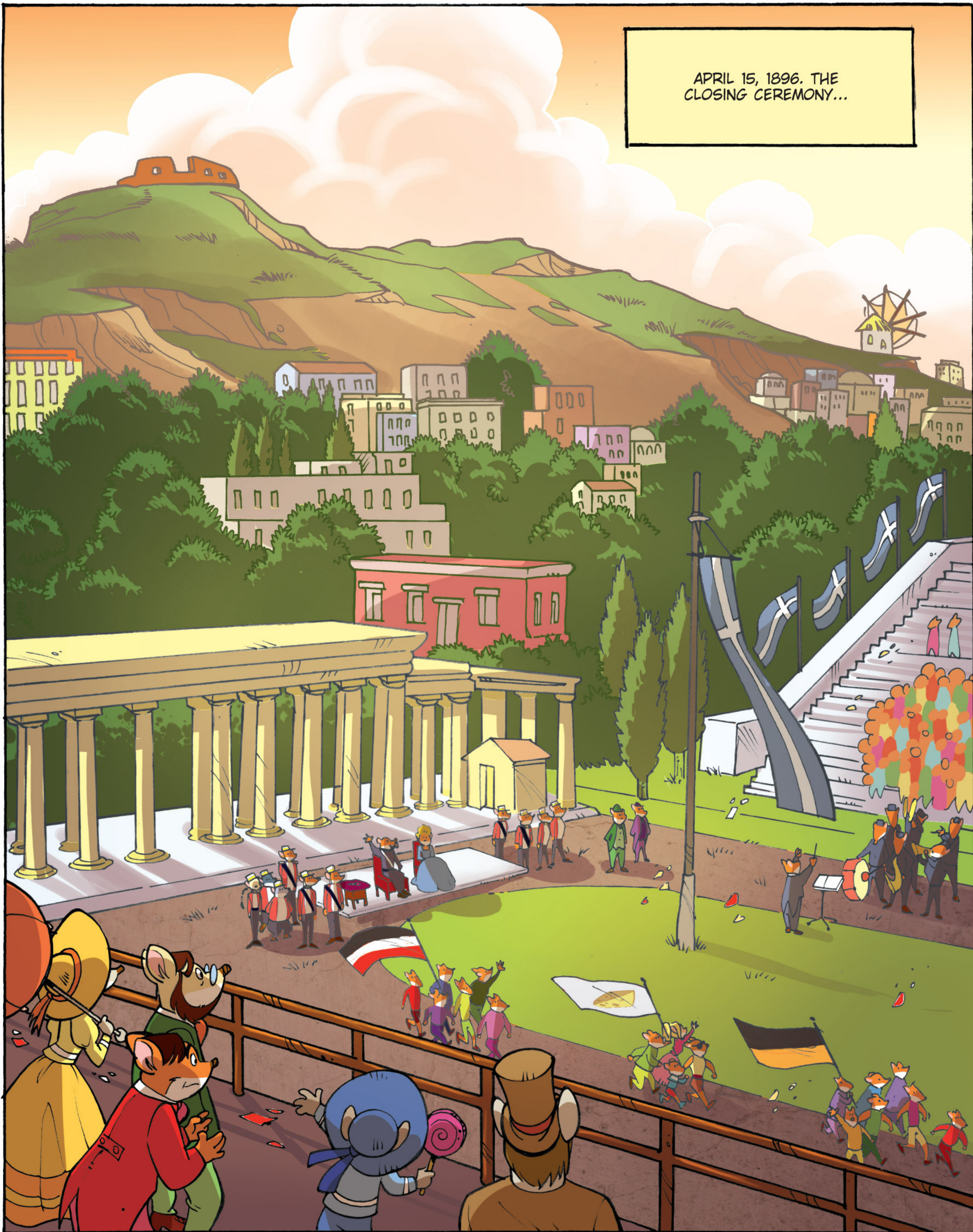


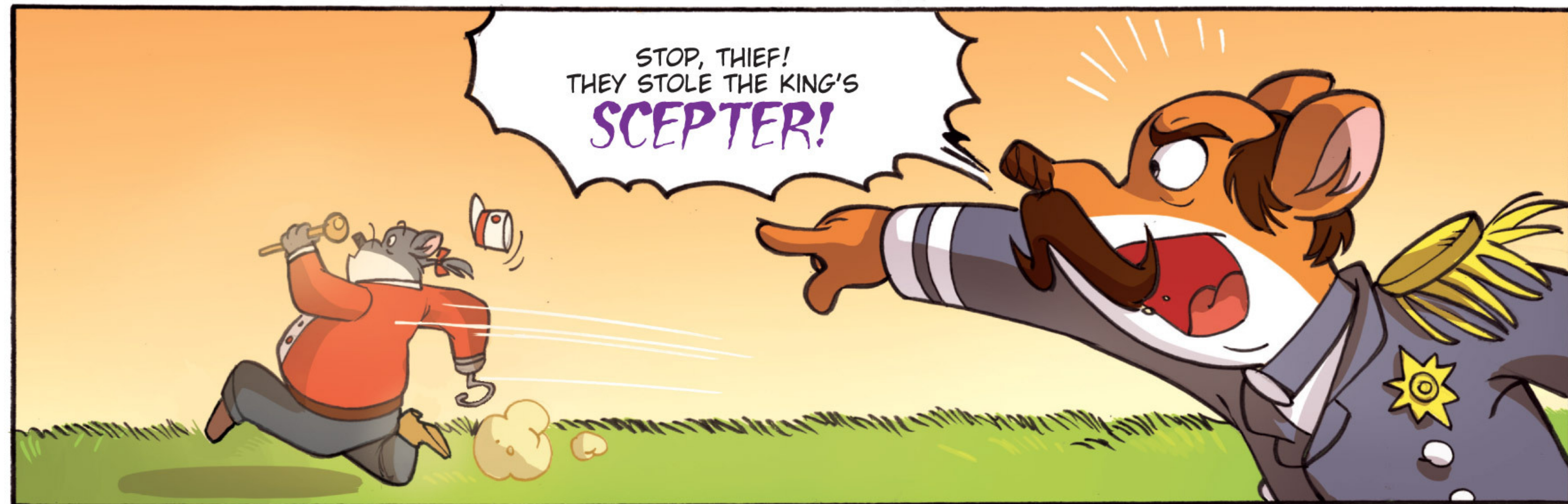


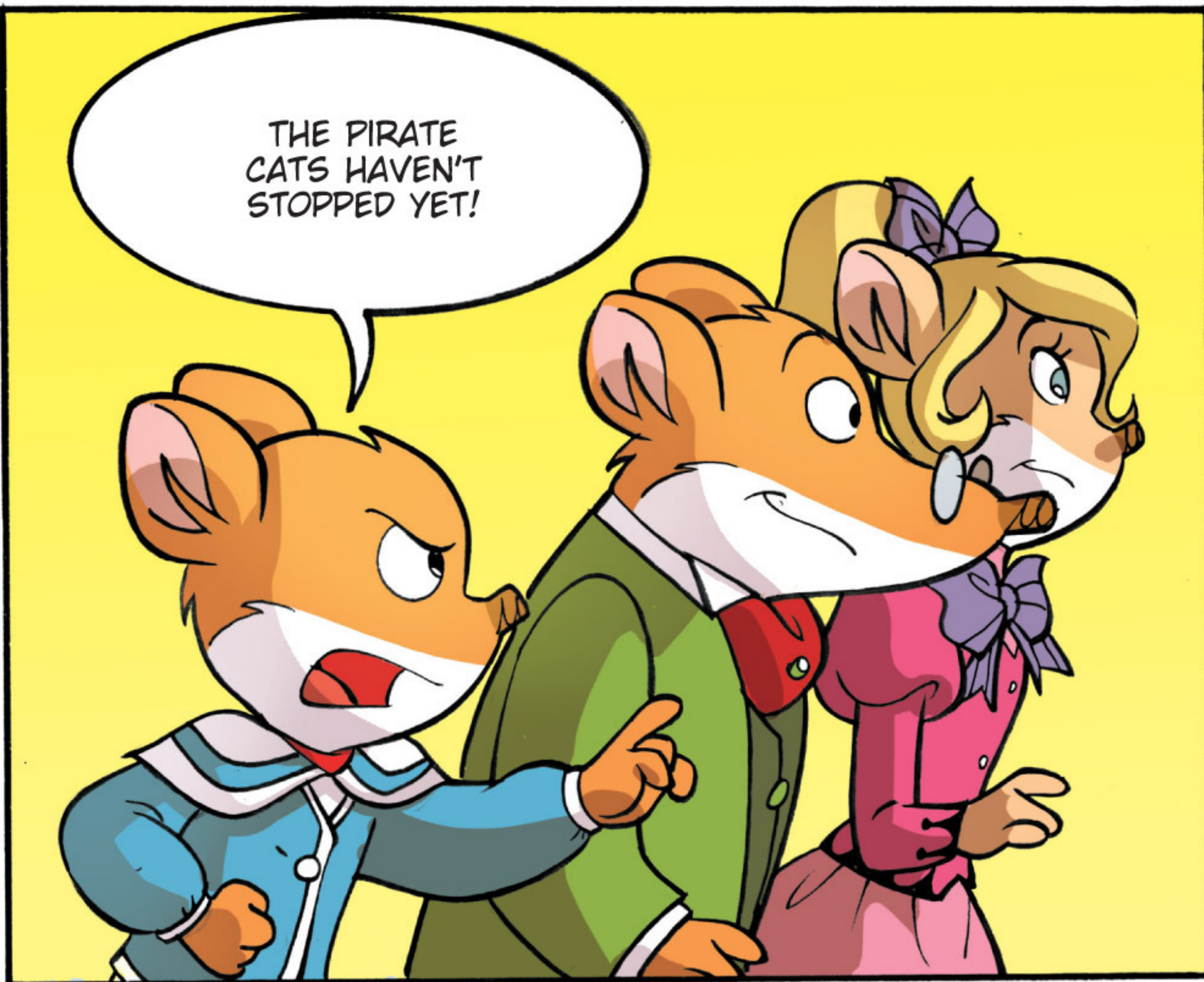




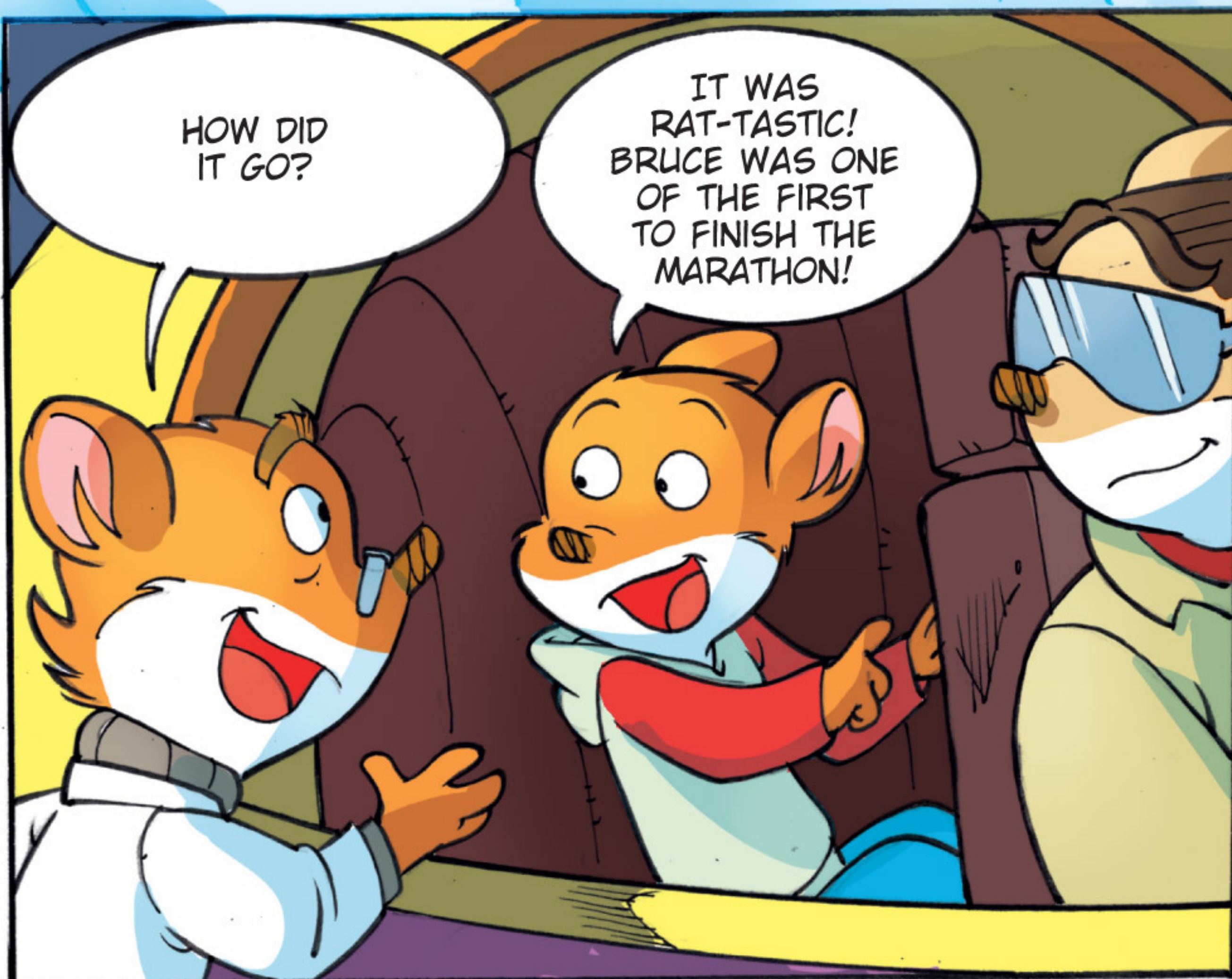
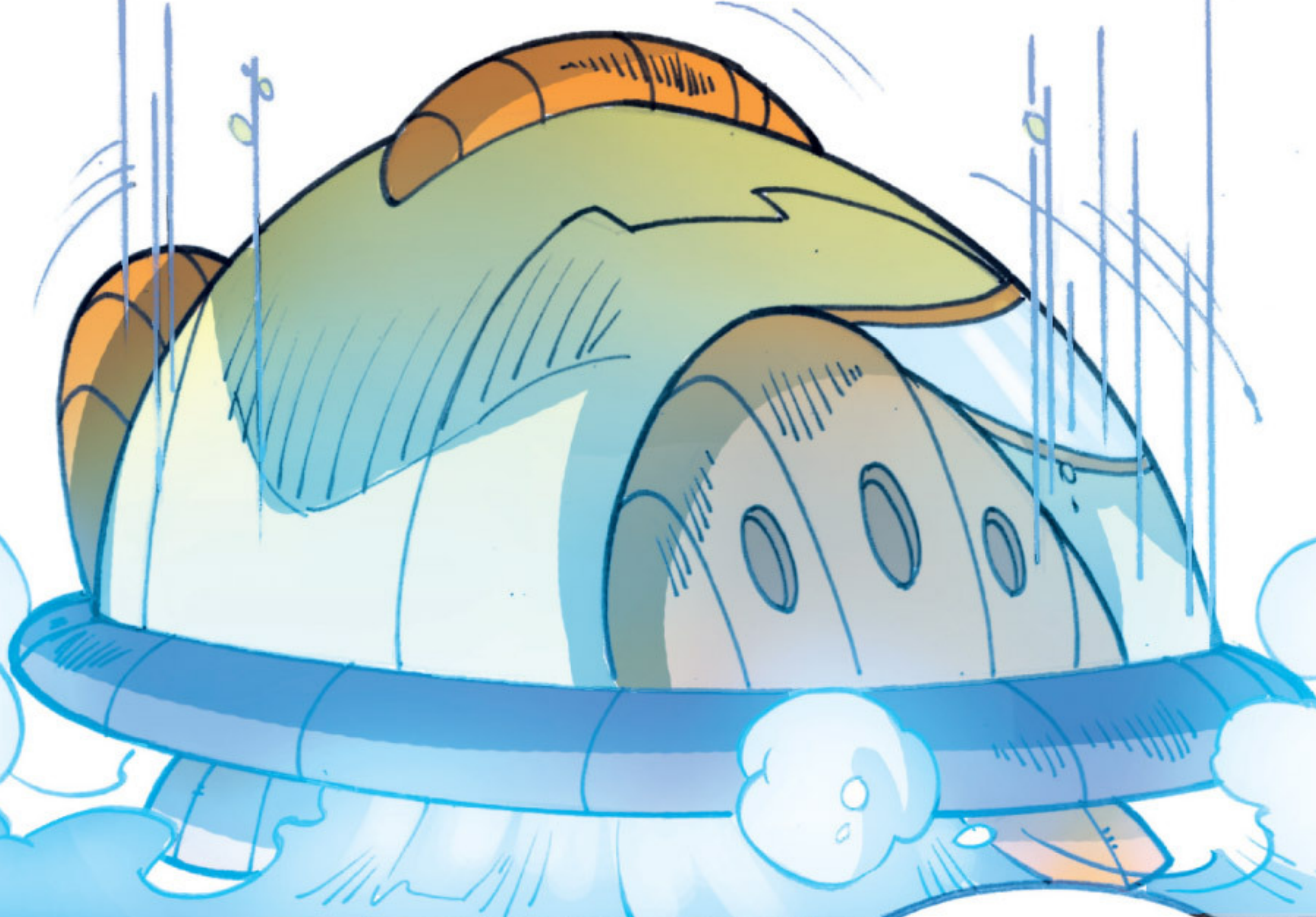
APRIL 15, 1896. THE
CLOSING CEREMONY...







AT LAST THE TIME HAD
COME FOR US TO GO
BACK, CONTENT WITH
OUR OLYMPIC VICTORY
OVER THE PIRATE CATS!



HOW DID
IT GO?

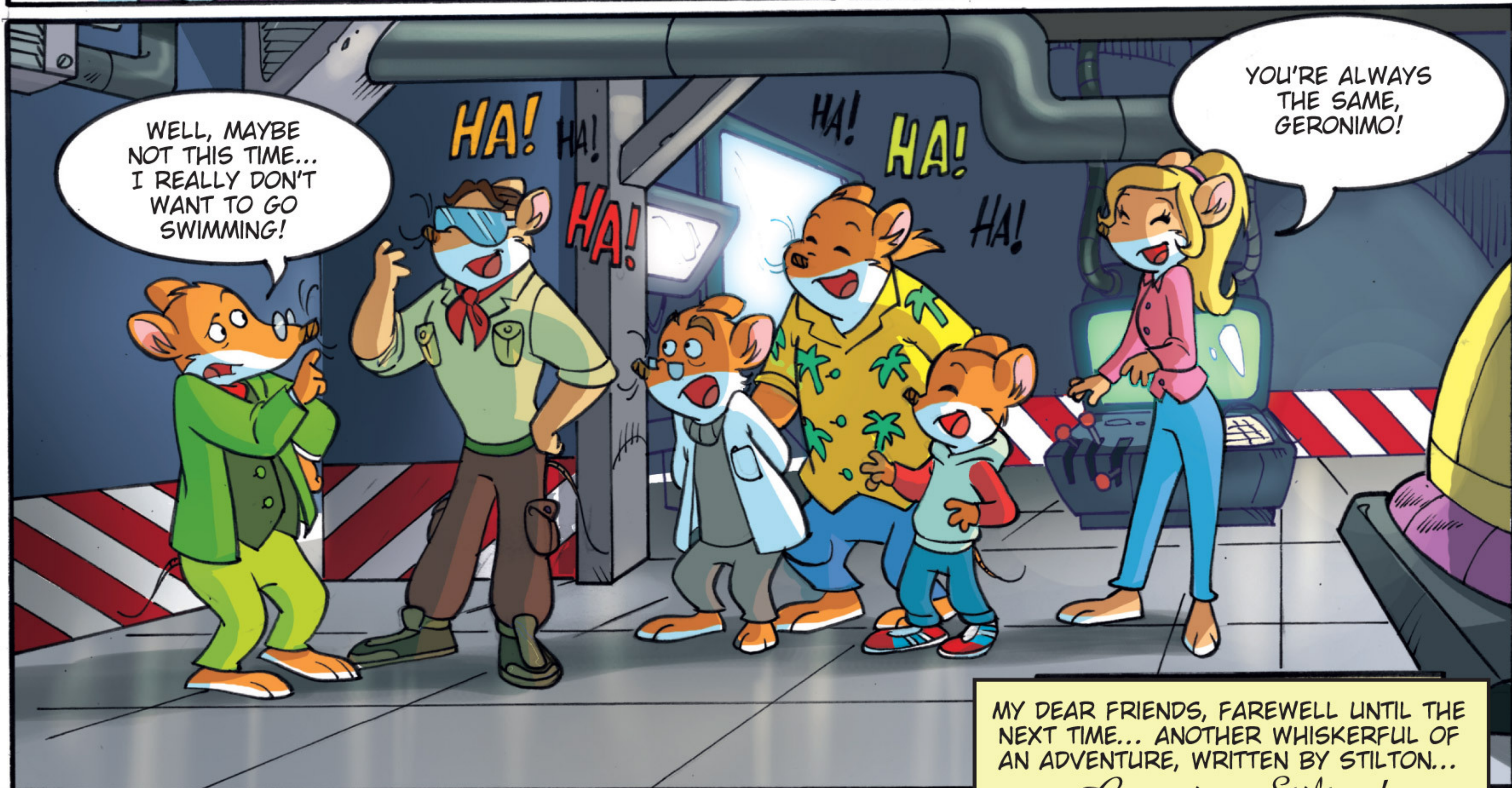
IT WAS
RAT-TASTIC!
BRUCE WAS ONE
OF THE FIRST
TO FINISH THE
MARATHON!



AND YOU,
GERONIMO?
HOW DID
IT GO?

IT WENT
WELL, BUT I
THINK I NEED A
VACATION NOW!

SHALL WE ALL
GO TO THE
OCEAN?



WELL, MAYBE
NOT THIS TIME...
I REALLY DON'T
WANT TO GO
SWIMMING!

HA! HA!
HA!

HA! HA!
HA!

YOU'RE ALWAYS
THE SAME,
GERONIMO!

MY DEAR FRIENDS, FAREWELL UNTIL THE
NEXT TIME... ANOTHER WHISKERFUL OF
AN ADVENTURE, WRITTEN BY STILTON...

Geronimo Stilton!



Watch Out For PAPERCUTZ

Welcome to the time-tripping tenth GERONIMO STILTON graphic novel from Papercutz—the people dedicated to publishing great graphic novels for all ages. And before I forget, allow me to introduce myself—I'm Salicrup, *Jim Salicrup* the Editor-in-Chief of Papercutz. As I was heading into our palatial offices today, I couldn't help think of how the Olympics reflect so much of life as we know it. Here are just a few of the examples...

While Papercutz is often considered the premier publisher of graphic novels for all ages, we're always in competition with every other publisher, as well as movie studio, TV network, and video game company, in vying for your attention. Like Geronimo, we're not really very big, but we are scrappy. Because we're such a tiny company compared to all those gigantic media conglomerates, we have to work extra hard just to stay in the race! What that means is, we have to make sure we're publishing characters that you love, such as GERONIMO STILTON, in the very best graphic novels we can possibly produce. In truth, we don't mind the competition, as it keeps us on our toes. And we also don't mind being the little guy—just look at how many tiny characters (THE SMURFS, DISNEY FAIRIES, ERNEST & REBECCA, GARFIELD & Co, etc.) we proudly publish at Papercutz! So, like in the Olympics, where athletes from the smallest nations compete against champions from the world's biggest countries, as long as there's a level playing field, the best will always come out on top!

Also like the Olympics, each and every GERONIMO STILTON book is the product of cooperation between different countries, although not on quite as grand a scale as the Olympics. Every GERONIMO STILTON graphic novel starts in Italy and is sent to other publishers all over the world to publish in their native languages. Papercutz publishes GERONIMO STILTON in English, thanks to the expert translating talents of Nanette McGuinness and the digital lettering skills of the mysterious Ortho. The books are then printed in China and shipped to our German-owned distributor Macmillan (and for the comicbook stores, Diamond). Eventually the GERONIMO STILTON graphic novels make their way onto the bookshelves of hundreds of bookstores (and comicbook shops), where they are finally sold to you! And you can be anyone—from anywhere! And that's what's really wonderful—that GERONIMO STILTON is such a universally appealing character, that it doesn't matter where you or your ancestors may come from, we can all equally enjoy the Editor of the Rodent's Gazette's time-travelling tales!

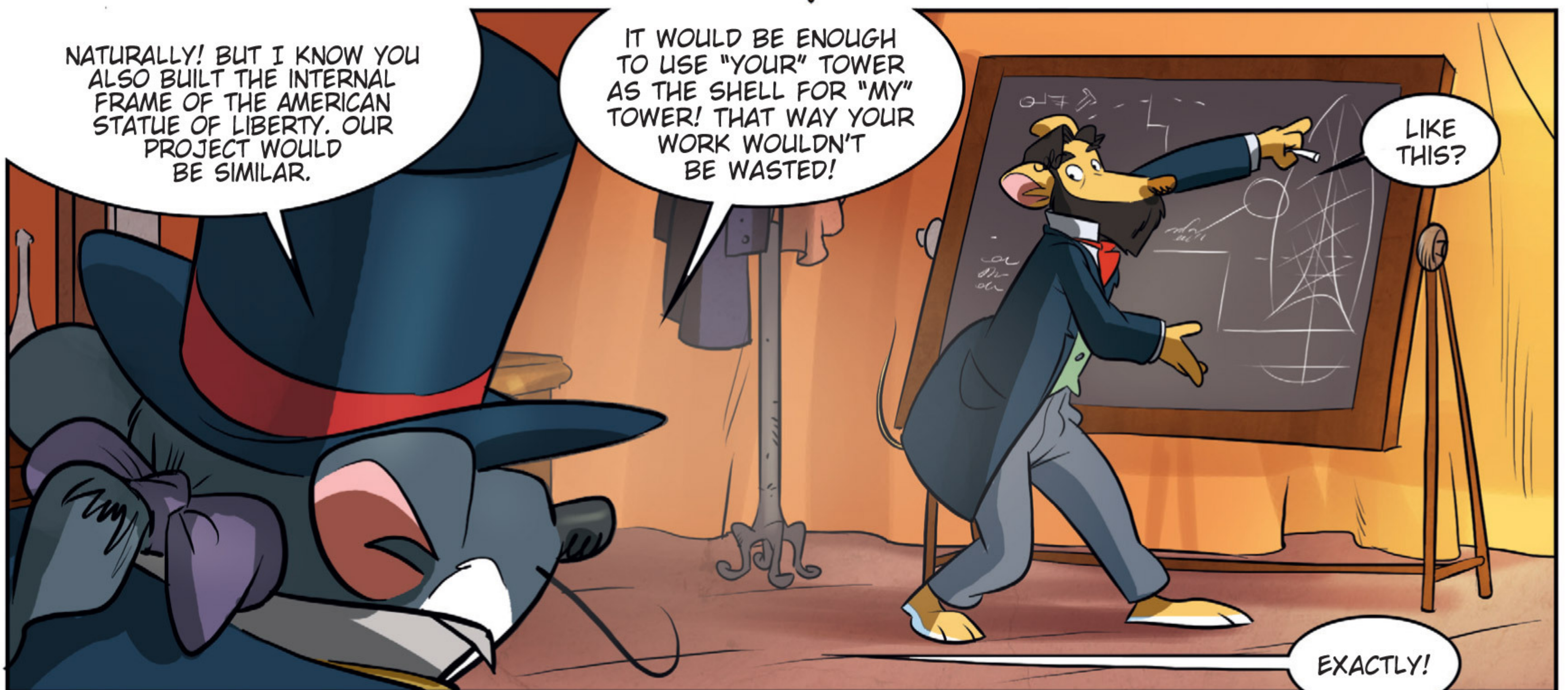
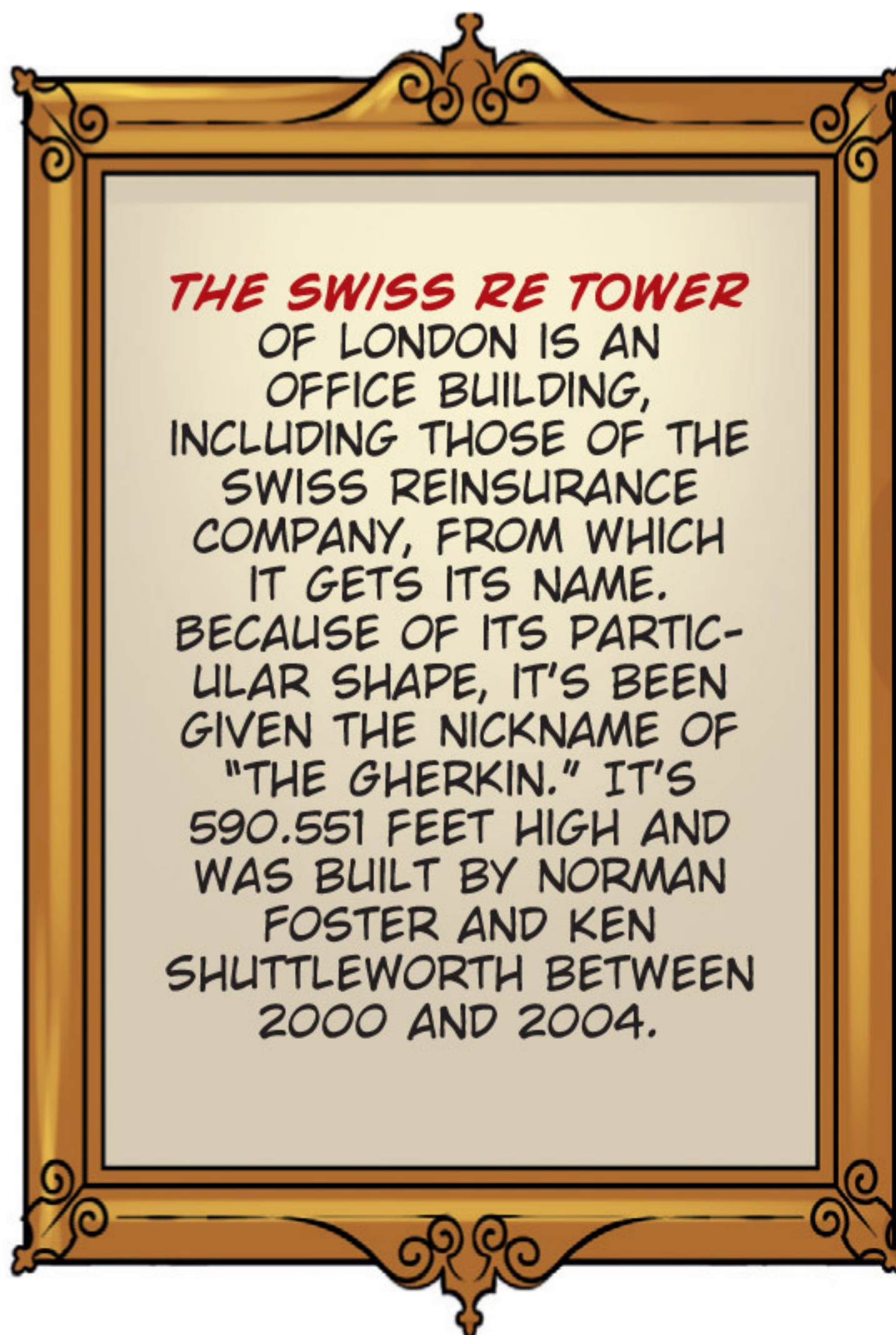
But just like in the real world, not everyone always gets along. So, while I hope that one day the Pirate Cats will finally see the light, and stop trying to cause trouble and just get along with Geronimo and his friends, I'm not going to hold my breath waiting! Now, I hope you don't think I'm being negative, and not being fair to the Pirate Cats, because I really do hope for peace and love everywhere! It's just that I've peeked at GERONIMO STILTON #11 "We'll Always Have Paris," and I'm afraid those fiendish felines are still up to their old tricks! You can peek at GERONIMO STILTON #11 too—or at least a few preview pages, presented on the following pages. And if you like what you see, I hope you'll join us here next time, when Geronimo Stilton must save the future, by protecting the past!

Thanks,

Jim

Special Preview of GERONIMO STILTON Graphic Novel #11 "We'll Always Have Paris"!





MEANWHILE WE'D MANAGED TO GET INTO THE WORK SITE...

PATTY WAS IN CHARGE OF BUILDING SUPPLIES...

TOMORROW THE NEW BOLTS SHOULD ARRIVE TO REPLACE THOSE DEFECTIVE ONES.

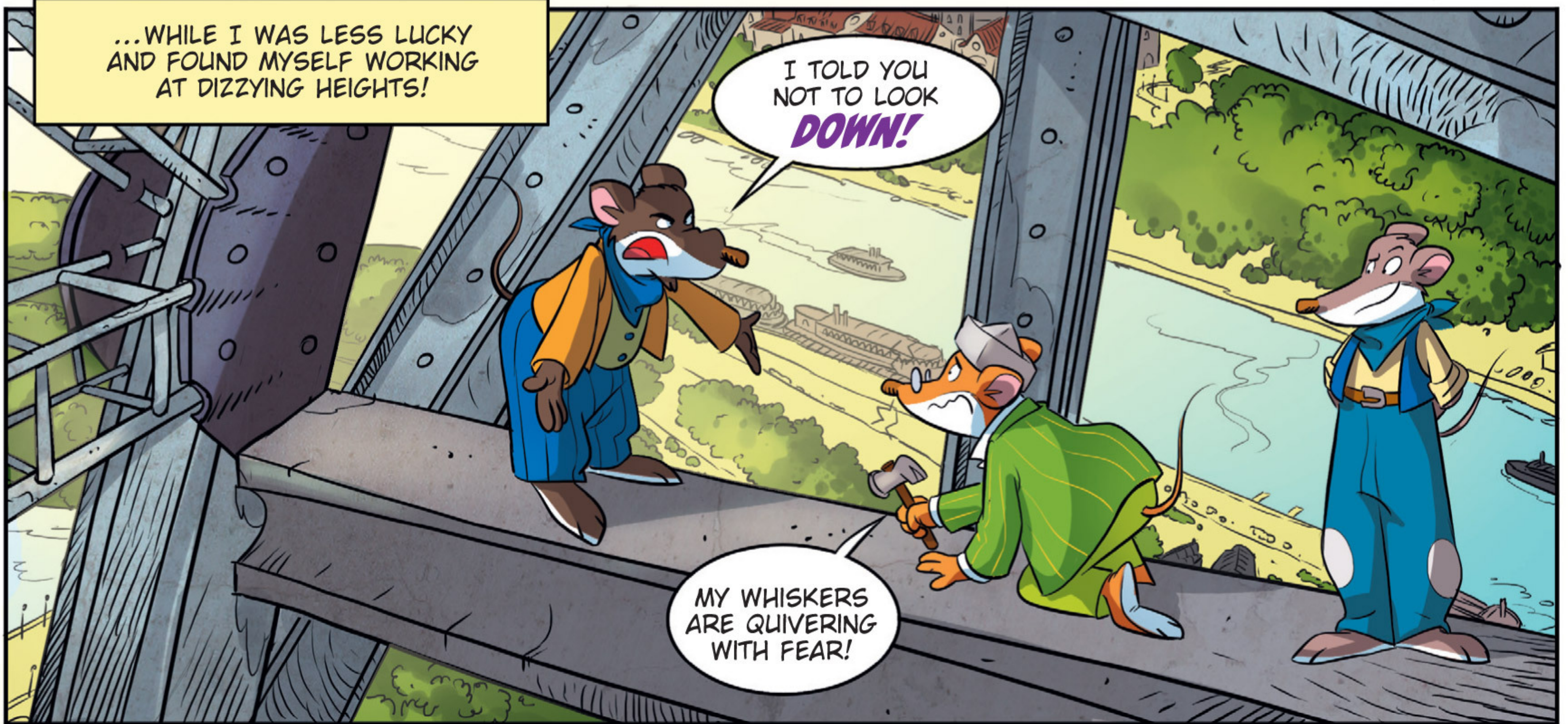
GOOD, THEY WERE LATE!



...WHILE I WAS LESS LUCKY AND FOUND MYSELF WORKING AT DIZZYING HEIGHTS!

I TOLD YOU NOT TO LOOK **DOWN!**

MY WHISKERS ARE QUIVERING WITH FEAR!



OBVIOUSLY, TRAP WAS THE ONLY ONE HAVING A GOOD TIME!

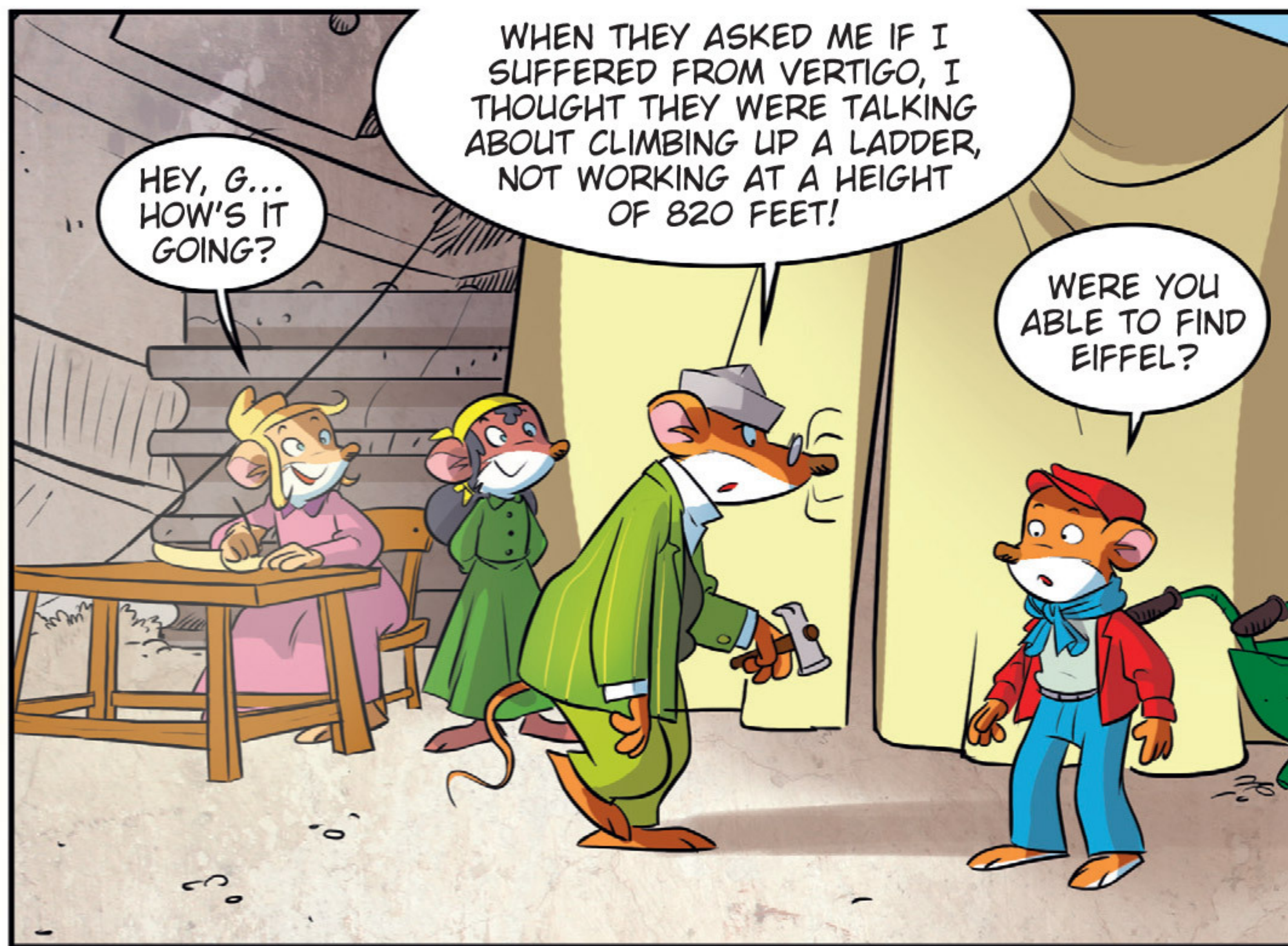
WATCH OUT! I'VE GOT PIECES OF **GLOWING HOT** IRON!

COMING THROUGH!



THESE WHEELBARROW RUNS ARE REALLY FUN!





Don't Miss GERONIMO STILTON Graphic Novel #11 "We'll Always Have Paris"!

Geronimo Stilton

Saves the Olympics-or does he?!!



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GERONIMO STILTON GETS CAUGHT UP IN A RAT RACE WHEN HE HAS TO COMPETE AGAINST CATARDONE III OF CATATONIA, THE LEADER OF THE PIRATE CATS! CAN GERONIMO, AND HIS FRIENDS PETUNIA, BENJAMIN, TRAP, AND BRUCE, PREVENT THE PIRATE CATS FROM CHANGING THE OUTCOME OF THE FIRST MODERN OLYMPICS, BACK IN 1894? OR WILL THE FIENDISH FELINES FINALLY FIND THEIR LONG-SOUGHT AFTER VICTORY?

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